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# Ulster stands at the brink

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott

**L**AST ditch efforts to break the Drumcree deadlock and avoid what church leaders fear could be a catastrophe in Northern Ireland were continuing overnight, as chaos intensified before tomorrow's big Protestant celebrations of the Battle of the Boyne.

Negotiations between the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, and the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland went into a second round with the details of the discussions being kept a closely guarded secret.

However, there were genuine fears last night that the talks have come too late as thousands of Orangemen began to mass at Drumcree church, where their traditional parade has been blocked by riot police and troops for three days.

The Government, police, Orangemen and nationalists all believe the impasse must be resolved before Protestants begin their celebrations by lighting bonfires at midnight tonight, when passions will be too inflamed for reason to prevail.

On Tuesday, Belfast experienced its worst night of unrest since the start of the Troubles, according to the fire brigade, with a record 475 call-outs.

More Catholics were intimidated out of their homes, 338 plastic bullets were fired at rioters, and hundreds of roads were blocked.

The loyalist paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force appealed for calm and orderly protest and denounced the violence.

In a statement, the UVF denied any involvement in the murder of Catholic taxi driver Michael McGoldrick, who was shot dead on Sunday night.

The Catholic Primate of Ireland, Cardinal Cahill, cancelled part of a foreign visit to return for the crisis talks.

"The potential of this is really catastrophic. You cannot exaggerate the seriousness of the situation. May God grant that we pull back from the brink," he said after the first meeting.

Mr Trimble said the meeting was worthwhile. "I very much hope it will contribute to a resolution of the matter," he said.

Despite the glimmer of hope, the overall picture last night was bleak, with nationalists on Portadown's disputed Garvaghy Road ruling out any compromise involving Orangemen parading past their homes.

After meeting Northern Ireland Office officials, the Garvaghy Residents' Coalition leader, Brendan Mac Clonagh said: "It's the chief constable who took the decision to reroute the march. That decision has been backed up by

Twelfth night

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John Major. Is anyone suggesting the residents should overthrow it?"

The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, also backed the RUC chief constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, and rejected criticism of the police chief's decision to block the Orange parade route.

"The Prime Minister said he had taken the right decision," he said. "I think he has taken the right decision too."

"We have seen a return to the sort of violence everyone raised their hand to behind 22 months ago. The situation is one of great danger."

A hundred extra Irish soldiers were drafted in to the southern side of the border last night amid fears that loyalists would bring their violent protests into the Republic.

In Drumcree the rumour mill was working at full capacity. Loyalists claimed some soldiers from the locally raised regiment, the Royal Irish, had "rebelled" and walked out of Portadown's main barracks, refusing to confront fellow Ulstermen.

The Reverend Ian Paisley claimed that, under pressure from the Irish government through the Anglo-Irish Secreatariat, the Government was planning a "massacre" of Orangemen at Drumcree.

The SDLP deputy leader, Seamus Mallon, had to be airlifted out of his home at Markethill, in south Armagh, where loyalists have sealed off the village.

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## Orwell offered writers' blacklist to anti-Soviet propaganda unit

Richard Norton-Taylor and Seumas Milne

**G**EORGE URWELL, the socialist author, offered to provide a secret Foreign Office propaganda unit with a list of names of writers and journalists he regarded as "crypto-communist" and "fellow-travellers" who could not be trusted, documents released yesterday at the Public Record Office reveal.

He made the offer in 1949, shortly before he died, to the covert Information Research Department, which used well-known writers and publishers — including Bertrand Russell, Stephen Spender and Arthur Koestler — to produce anti-communist material during the cold war. Documents also show that the IRD singled out articles from Tribune, the leftwing but then anti-Soviet paper, to back up its hidden crusade.

In March 1949 an IRD official, Celia Kirwan, visited Orwell at a sanatorium in Cranham, Gloucestershire, where he was suffering from tuberculosis. "I



Amazed: Michael Foot, a friend in the 1930s and 40s

discussed some aspects of our work with him in great confidence," she told her colleagues. "He was delighted to learn of them, and expressed his wholehearted and enthusiastic approval of our aims."

Although too ill to write himself, he gave the names of potential contributors. Early the following month, Orwell wrote to Kirwan offering to give her "a list of journalists and writers who in my opinion are crypto-communists, fellow-travellers or inclined that



way and should not be trusted..."

He said his notebook with the names was at his home in London. He insisted that the list was "strictly confidential" since it would be libellous to call somebody a "fellow-traveller."

The revelation is likely to shock many of Orwell's admirers, for whom he is a 20th century radical icon. The files released yesterday do not contain the list of names but a card placed next to Orwell's letter to Kirwan says that a docu-

ment has been withheld by the Foreign Office.

Bernard Crick, Orwell's biographer, confirmed yesterday that Orwell had kept a "notebook of suspects" containing 86 names.

"Many were plausible, a few were far-fetched and unlikely," he said. Michael Foot, a friend of Orwell's in the 1930s and 1940s, said he found the letter "amazing".

"There's been a lot of argument about him deserting his socialism at the end of his life. I don't think that's true, but I'm very surprised he was dealing with the secret services in any form."

The papers show that the IRD promoted the foreign language publication of Animal Farm, Orwell's classic anti-communist allegory. "The idea is particularly good for Arabic in view of the fact that both pigs and dogs are unclean animals to Muslims," noted an embassy official in Cairo.

The unit feared communism in Saudi Arabia, notably among oil workers in Dhahran, the scene of last month's bombing of an American base.

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## Cash-hit courts 'are not using' mental tests

Probation officers fear disturbed offenders escape treatment net

Duncan Campbell  
Crime Correspondent

**P**ROBATION officers last night warned that increasing numbers of offenders who need psychiatric assessment and care are being denied it to save costs.

Their concerns follow a recent move by court officers who have launched a national campaign to draw attention to the problems caused by funding reductions in the judicial system.

Both their organisations last night called for an urgent debate on the problem.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers said: "The courts are under intense pressure to save on costs. We are aware of a number of instances where adjournments have been refused to avoid an additional costly hearing. We feared that a tragedy of some kind was bound to happen."

If a magistrate orders a psychiatric assessment, there has to be a further court hearing, with its high costs, and the crown and defence lawyers, who may be on legal aid, are required to attend.

In addition, a psychiatric report may take up to eight weeks to complete, thus slowing down the judicial process as well as adding to the costs.

The serious nature of the problem has been heightened by the case of Horrett Campbell, aged 32, who was arrested on Tuesday night in a block of flats near St Luke's School, Wolverhampton.

His arrest followed a huge police hunt after the attack at the school, by a man with a machete, in which four adults and three children were injured.

Yesterday it emerged that when Campbell appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates in November last year on a charge of s17 and various motoring offences, he was reported in court to be in need of psychiatric assessment. The court heard that he had earlier received a police caution for arson after setting fire to his own car.

It was reported that "voices" had whispered and talked to Campbell for some time, giving him instructions. The hearing of such voices is a classic indicator of psychiatric illness.

The court heard that there were signs of growing medical problems and a need for Campbell to be seen by a psychiatrist. The court did not adjourn the case for psychiatric assessment but sentenced him to immediate custody.

Mr Fletcher said last night that he was not surprised that the psychiatric assessment had been declined by magistrates. "It is in the public interest that this is debated now," he added. "My worry is that if something is not done immediately, it could happen again."

Because of the spiralling court and legal aid costs, magistrates may feel under pressure not to order expensive extra services if they believe that such a course is not merited.

The Association of Magistrates' Officers, which represents court officers, recently launched a campaign to draw the public's attention to the problems caused by funding reductions.

The association says it is concerned that justice is not being served by the increasing economic pressures on the courts to cut costs.

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Deer Bill joins the filibusters



Simon Hoggart

IT WAS ONE of those days which make you realise once again the wondrous depths of incompetence with which this country is run. Yesterday was to be the great debate on MPs' pay. Downstairs in the lobbies, corridors, bars and bars, no one spoke of anything else. There was plotting and scheming and blackmail and conniving. One MP suggested in the tearoom, as a joke, that those who planned to stand in the shadow cabinet elections should be told that no Labour MP would vote for them, unless they backed the big pay rise last night. It started as a drollery, but it ended as reality for the front bench. Victory in the poll means an automatic seat in a Blair cabinet. The big desk! The chauffeured Sterling! Who could forgo that — and to keep their own pay down? Experts to hear these persons this week explaining how their change of mind to vote for the moolah was prompted only by a conscientious regard for the nation's good governance. In the Chamber, there was but a scattered handful of MPs, debating the finer points of the Education (Scotland) Bill and, later, the Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill. Some spavin-brained loon had decided that, since the two main front benches had carved up both these bills between them, the debate could be cut short. The Scottish Nationalists took umbrage, as they so often do, and decided to prove them wrong. At six o'clock, when MPs were supposed to start deciding whether to pay themselves another £3,000, we were less than half way through the Education bill. Andrew Welsh (Angus B) is the SNP's master filibuster. His charge was that Labour

and the Tories had complacently stitched up Scottish education. "Luckily we do have the SNP to press the issue!" MPs groaned. The order paper featured page after page of amendments on pay. These have a letter to identify them. Last night there were so many they ran through the alphabet twice, and the 53rd was known as "ccc". Tony Wright wanted the changes to happen, but a year later. Simon Hughes wanted to ban all outside work, except for "incidental fees from broadcasting, journalism and other writing". Was it cynical to imagine that he wanted to stop MPs earning anything except from what he himself did? Paul Flynn took the moderate approach. Paid outside work should not be banned — but anything MPs earned doing it should be deducted from their wages with, generously, "a weekly disregard of £5". (There was, curiously, no amendment from David Mellor, suggesting that all outside work should be banned "except for consultancy to the manufacturers of arms and weapons, with a weekly disregard of £5,000".) Jeremy Corbyn wanted no rise at all, this year or next, and a blanket ban on any outside work. John Carlisle, by contrast, had a crafty wiles: everyone who voted for the lower level of increase would receive only the lower level of increase, however the majority voted. There were innumerable amendments on car allowances. At the moment an MP can receive 74p a mile for driving to and from his constituency. There are no checks and so — I name no names, largely because I don't know who they are — some northern MPs can make several hundred selections of members of the Deer Commission for Scotland, there is no doubt about the strength of feeling," she intoned. What controversy? What strength of feeling? Why don't they just be independent and have done with it?

First night

A pair of old farts with a coarse fury

Michael Billington

into glassy-eyed day dreaming when confronted by Yelena but who also has a blinding wit. This is a descent into a cranky fertility. And Derek Jacobi's Yanya snaps out of his swooning adoration for Yelena when confronted by the professor's intended sale of the estate. In Bryden's production all the characters are fuelled by nervous desperation. Imogen Stubbs's Yelena wittily prisms her hair before interviewing Astrov and arches her back in palpable sexual longing, yet she too seems filled with a volcanic rage at the emptiness of her existence. And Frances Barber's Sonya yearns for the possibility of a life with Astrov: there is something wonderfully unguarded about the way she looks her hand after he has kissed it and when, at the end, she knows he has finally departed, her attempt to preserve a mask of serenity is belied by her sobs and heaving shoulders. Chekhov's people have a sense of death; but Bryden's highly intelligent production shows it stems from a keen awareness of life. Perhaps the only happy character is the professor whom Alec McCowen plays marvellously as a stick-wielding tyrant who orders the world as he wants it. And his childishness finds its perfect echo in the way he is cooed and soothed by Peggy Mount's earthy Nurse. This is an excellent version that proves Chekhov and Chekhov go well together and that uses the intimacy of a studio space to present the characters in all their emotional nakedness and raging discontent. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

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A new sign at the Imperial Park site confirms LG Group's huge investment in electronics factories in South Wales

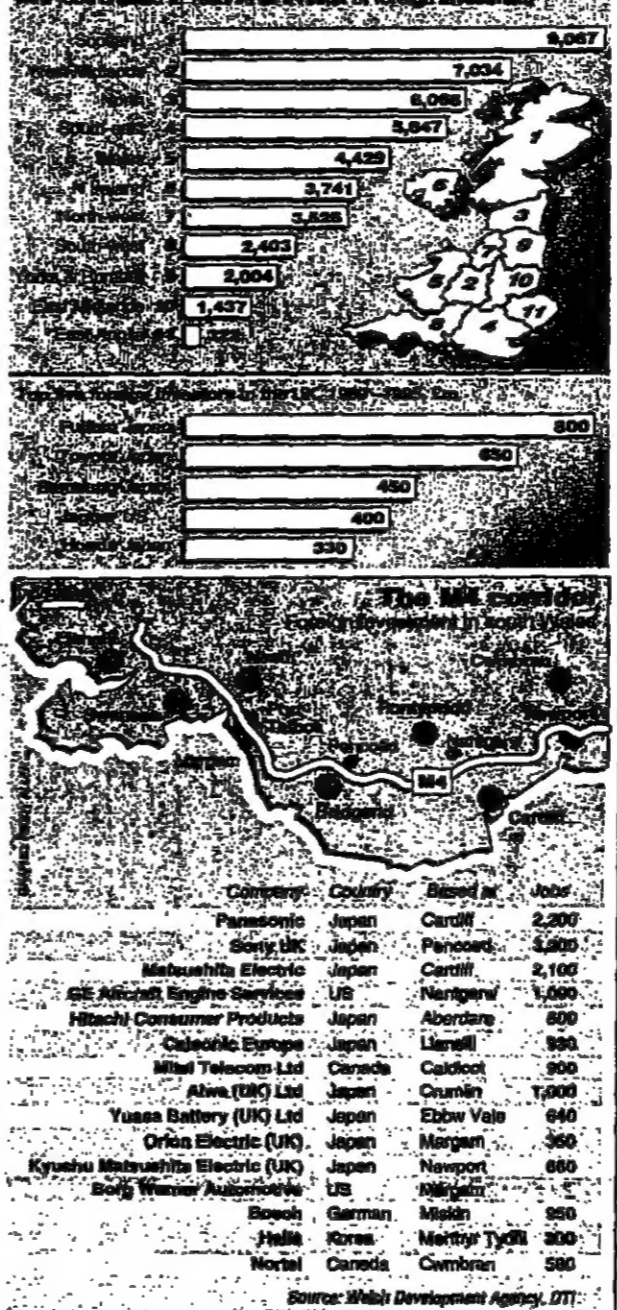
Welsh coup nets 6,000 jobs

Geoffrey Gibbs and Chris Barry

SOUTH Wales yesterday celebrated the biggest investment coup ever seen in Europe when the South Korean LG Group ended weeks of speculation by confirming a £1.7 billion investment in two new microchip and television component plants that could support up to 20,000 jobs. The Korean group — best known for its GoldStar products — is to build the plants on a 350-acre science park near the M4 at Newport, and employ 8,100 people. John Koo, president of subsidiary LG Electronics, said his group selected Wales over other places in Europe, including Scotland and Ireland, because of incentives offered by the Welsh, rumoured to be as much as £30,000 a job, as well as the region's relatively low wages and other favourable business conditions. LG officials said wages were half those in South Korea, and that the cost of land at the complex was less than in Seoul. Government officials and the Welsh Development Agency refused to provide details of the incentives. At a press conference in Cardiff the WDA chief executive, Barry Hartop, said the financial package offered to LG conformed with European Union regulations and national guidelines. He said later that the inducements represented excellent value for money. Taking tax revenues into account, the package to Government was less than one year. The jobs were high quality, not unskilled assembly roles. Negotiations to bring the huge project to Newport have been taking place since last September but there were fears at one stage it could be in jeopardy after details leaked out in the media. The WDA said yesterday it

was difficult to exaggerate the strategic importance of the investment. The Prime Minister described it as a magnificent achievement for Wales and a massive vote of confidence in the UK economy. Labour's Paul Flynn, in whose constituency the project will be sited, said the investment was marvellous news for an area that had suffered from the decline of the coal and steel industries. Unemployment in the Newport travel to work area is almost 10 per cent, and Mr Flynn said the "sumptuous" investment would provide jobs well into the next century for young people. "It gives them a real incentive to train and get those skills." Land for the two plants is being provided by the WDA and Newport county borough council at the Imperial Park site to the west of Newport where the WDA will build a dedicated training centre for the semi-conductor industry. Training up to post graduate level is to be provided for the company's future employees by the University of Wales and London University's Imperial College. The plants are being established by LG Electronics and LG Semicon, subsidiaries of an organisation that employs 128,000 people worldwide. The group, established as a chemicals business after the second world war, became Korea's pioneer in the electronics industry in the late 1950s when it produced the country's first radio. Turnover last year was about £30 billion. LG Electronics will build an integrated TV monitor plant producing latest technology components for LG itself and other manufacturers while LG Semicon is to operate a electronic wafer fabrication and assembly plant. Production of monitors is due to begin in July of next year and mass production of semi-conductors in 1999. Leader comment, page 5; Notebook, page 11

Foreign investment



The basic wage in Cwmbran is only about £160 a week. I'll definitely be applying'

THE sceptical view that the Korean electronics and petrochemicals conglomerate was taking advantage of a low wage economy by setting up shop in silicon Gwent was dismissed by the people on the streets of Newport yesterday. The town has taken a battering from the decline of the so-called sunset industries of steel and coal over the years and LG was bringing with it the prospect of real jobs. Electronics companies such as Panasonic, Alwa and Newport Waterfab are already important employers in the area. With unemployment in the Newport travel-to-work area officially put at 9.5 per cent and 40 per cent of all unemployed people in Wales living within an hour's drive of the £1.7 billion project, it was clear there would be no shortage of takers for the 8,100 posts that will eventually materialise at LG. Neil Lawrence, manager of the town's job centre, said calls had been coming in from all over south-east Wales seeking information about job prospects. "People have been asking whether we have got an address in Seoul that they can write to. It's phenomenal news and I'm hoping we will be at the forefront of helping them recruit."

Korean giant puts £1.7bn into area hit by coal and steel decline in 'big vote for Britain'

PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN

Glyn John from nearby Cwmbran said he had been out of work for two years "off and on" since losing his job with Northern Telecom. "The only thing I can find at the moment is agency work which is no good for a married man like me. I don't know what sort of money they are going to be paying but the basic wage in Cwmbran is only about £160 a week. I'll definitely be applying." A Newport taxi driver, coy about revealing his name, but characteristically forthright in his opinions, was quick to praise the announcement. "If it brings more work and more jobs to this place then good luck to them," he said. "I would definitely go to work for them. I'd rather work for a foreign firm than a British one, at least they are prepared to put their money into this country." Terry Williams, unemployed for 18 months and with two sons also out of work, was similarly enthusiastic about the project. "I think it will be good for Newport. I hope I won't still be out of work when it starts up but, if am, I'll apply for it." Peter Hain, the MP for Neath, who has been championing more modest proposals to establish technology based industrial villages in the unemployment ravaged south Wales valleys, said he was delighted at news of the LG investment. He hoped some of the numerous companies that would be established to supply LG's operation would be persuaded to relocate in the valleys — where three generations of families have often been unemployed and more men earn their money in the valleys than setting up their production factories along the M4 corridor.

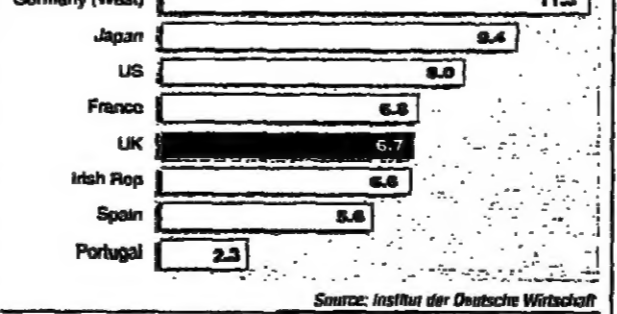
Ministers hail 'industrial policy of the 1990s'

Complex economics and simple politics of inward investment

Larry Elliott, Economics Editor

DEEP in the bowels of Conservative Central Office shirt-sleeved admen are probably even now working on a slogan along the following lines: "Once Britain tried to pick winners; now winners pick Britain". If they are not, they should be. The gusto with which the Government welcomed yesterday's decision by the Korean electronics firm, LG, to create 8,000 jobs in Wales underlines the ministerial belief that inward investment is the industrial policy of the 1990s. Just as Margaret Thatcher only realised that privatisation could be a vote-winner long after it was seen as a convenient way of balancing the state's books, so Britain's attraction as a base for foreign firms is being hailed as a jus-

Labour costs



company would pledge almost £2 billion for a plant in Britain unless it was reasonably relaxed about the chances of a Blair government. One additional, but little talked about, incentive for foreign firms to set up plants in depressed regions of Britain has been government money. However, the Treasury insists that subsidies are generally more generous in other countries, and cannot account for Britain's success in grabbing around 40 per cent of the inward investment into Europe. Some of the arguments against inward investment are somewhat spurious. The fact that many of the jobs are semi-skilled should be welcomed given that Britain's unemployment problem is concentrated among semi and unskilled workers. Nor can it be denied that the transfers of technology, the improvements in management, and the setting up of supply networks have been beneficial spin-offs. However, Labour, while

welcoming and encouraging inward investment into Britain, is likely to argue that the capital expenditure sanctioned from overseas is a demonstration of Britain's weakness rather than its strength. First, for all the talk of gold courses and the English language, Britain is attractive because it is cheap and getting cheaper. Britain is close to the bottom of the European league table for labour costs, which are around half those in Germany or Switzerland, but the recent spate of investment from the dynamic Asian economies such as Taiwan and Korea suggests Britain's labour costs — in regions such as Wales, at least — are now lower than those on the Pacific Rim. Second, the sizeable contribution from overseas investors has failed to disguise the fact that Britain's overall investment record has been poor. If one-third of all manufacturing investment is accounted for by foreign firms, it does not say much for the home-grown companies.

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# Fears of fall into chaos as 100,000 march

David Shearlock  
Ireland Correspondent

**T**HE road to hell or compromise beckons. Tonight, as bonfires are lit for the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, Northern Ireland will know which route it is to follow.

The choice is put starkly by the increasingly militant Orangemen: unless their Portadown brethren are allowed to complete their journey home from a church service at Drumcree down a road which passes nationalist estates, Ulster will be plunged into violence the likes of which it has not seen in 25 years.

The Orange Order's strategy of stretching the security forces to their limits has developed since Sunday, with scores of impromptu parades held across Northern Ireland at a few hours' notice. Tonight Belfast will be at a standstill as all the city's district lodges march on the centre and hold a service outside the House of Orange.

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Tomorrow is July 12, "The Twelfth" and the highlight of the marching season. As soon as the 100,000 Orangemen complete their parade routes in each of Northern Ireland's six counties, they will clamber into buses and converge upon Drumcree.

Before that there will have been riots on the Ormeau Road in Belfast, another flash-point where Orangemen have been convinced for weeks that their parades would be allowed through by the RUC against the wishes of local Catholics. And there will be major conflicts in Newry and Londonderry, predominantly Catholic areas.

What happens next is anybody's guess, but so far this week a Catholic taxi driver has been murdered, Catholic families have been forced from their homes in largely Protestant areas, schools have been set alight, gunfire has echoed across Belfast, millions of pounds worth of damage has been caused, and the image of a land and people emerging into the light has been shattered.

The Government and the RUC have two options. The first, initiated by Sir Hugh, seems to be to face down the Orangemen and their associates in another week the storm will have blown itself out, and the extremists will be left isolated.

On the other side, the sceptics are fearful that such a strategy misreads the mood. Sir Hugh's predecessor, Sir John Hume, "faced down" the Orangemen of Portadown in 1986, at the height of Unionist anger over the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

A loyalist was killed by a plastic bullet. Senior members of the Ulster Freedom Fighters and the Ulster Volunteer Force point to those events as the spark which revived their organisations.

The difference this time is that officially the loyalist ceasefire is still in place. Ulster is at a very low point in the curve on the violence chart, and just how bad it could get cannot be predicted accurately.

There is little ground for optimism, but there is some. This time last year, in the same atmosphere of anger but with far less violence, a deal was struck at the 11th hour. We are at the same point again and the same straws are in the wind.

The danger this time is that the atmosphere has become so inflamed that all reason has already fled. It will have to be done before nightfall today, before the bonfires are lit.

With as many as 10,000 sporting sashes and carrying lodge banners, the scene has resembled a medieval battle field: part siege, part ritual trial of strength.

Yesterday Orange Order supporters brought up the battering ram, a massive earth mover. Police in body armour sprang up from the grassy hedgerow where they had been dozing. But David Trimble, the local Ulster Unionist MP to whom almost everyone has deferred as the main figure in authority, said it was just "a wind-up".

Thousands more Orangemen were expected from Belfast yesterday. Mr Trimble, asked if he would tell them to stay away to prevent any violence, said: "You might as well ask for the tide not to come in."

All week long Mr Trimble, Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist Party and the Orange Order's leaders have stoked up the crowd's determination and sense of grievance, but held back from ordering the final onslaught.

By night, lodge marshals have patrolled the overgrown stream which divides the two sides, urging young hotheads to keep their distance. Their pleas have often been ignored.

On Tuesday night sections of the crowd used ropes to pull apart the barbed wire and briefly broke through. Yesterday soldiers from the Grenadier Guards were reinforcing their defences.

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The scene in east Belfast yesterday morning, following the city's worst night of unrest of the whole of the Troubles, according to the Fire Brigade

## Dangerous games at the barbed wire barricade

Owen Bowcott reviews the jousting at trial of strength on Ulster's sharp divide

**P**LANTED amid triple rows of barbed wire, the Orange Order placards declare: "The RUC never put as much effort into stopping the IRA."

In the shallow valley, below Drumcree Church and the edge of the Catholic Ballyoran estate opposite, there has been little room for manoeuvre. Geography has restricted opportunities for compromise and anger at the betrayal of traditional alliances has seethed. For the Orangemen, the only way out has been forward.

With as many as 10,000, sporting sashes and carrying lodge banners, the scene has resembled a medieval battle field: part siege, part ritual trial of strength.

Yesterday Orange Order supporters brought up the battering ram, a massive earth mover. Police in body armour sprang up from the grassy hedgerow where they had been dozing.

But David Trimble, the local Ulster Unionist MP to whom almost everyone has deferred as the main figure in authority, said it was just "a wind-up".

Thousands more Orangemen were expected from Belfast yesterday. Mr Trimble, asked if he would tell them to stay away to prevent any violence, said: "You might as well ask for the tide not to come in."

All week long Mr Trimble, Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist Party and the Orange Order's leaders have stoked up the crowd's determination and sense of grievance, but held back from ordering the final onslaught.

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"Belfast airport is closed," a gleeful announcer told the massing crowd. "Larne Harbour is closed and the Springfield Centre is shut - so no late night shopping, folks!"

One novel feature of this year's parade has been the appearance of several recently-formed lodges from Essex and London, whose combined colour party formed up above the church and marched down to the concrete blocks on Drumcree Bridge yesterday to loud applause.

"I'm an Englishman born and bred," explained Owen Wilson, of north Essex, "but we believe in religious and political liberty."

Hazel Jackson, aged 25, from Romford, Essex, said: "My great grandfather was from Ulster and my father is Glaswegian, but I'm entirely an Essex girl."

Another visitor, cyclist Torsten Wegener, aged 25, from Saxony in east Germany, was staying with a local Catholic family. "I just don't understand what this fight is all about," he said.

A counter-terrorist operation has been in force since the beginning of the month, but intelligence gathering and police morale have suffered from the fallout from judicial investigations into the official use of death squads to fight ETA in the mid-1980s.

Meanwhile, representatives of all Spanish political parties meeting in Madrid yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to solving problems raised by Basque demands for self-determination without the use of violence.

The interior minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, himself a Basque, said that ETA was "disconcerted" by the good relations established between the recently elected conservative government and moderate Basque nationalists, but he stressed the dangers of underestimating its powers of attack.

Last week ETA made a short-lived truce offer, raising the possibility of negotiations, then rejected the government's conditions for dialogue, which included unconditional disarmament.

## Girl survivor may hold clue to deaths of mother and sister

John Mullin

**D**ETECTIVES investigating the deaths of a mother and her daughter near an idyllic Kent village were last night maintaining a bedside vigil over the woman's second, critically injured daughter.

They are hoping that nine-year-old Josephine Russell may be able to provide vital clues about the deaths of her 45-year-old mother, Lin Russell, and her six-year-old sister Megan. Their bodies were discovered early yesterday yards from the body of their father in a scrubland near Chilenden, about 10 miles from Canterbury.

Josephine was found alive, but with serious head injuries, and was tonight fighting for her life at a London hospital.

Although it was not confirmed officially, it appeared likely that the inquiry was destined to become a murder investigation.

Police would not confirm how mother and daughter died. But no weapon was found at the scene and detectives are working on the theory that an assailant unknown to the family struck without warning.

Officially, police said they would have to await the outcome of post-mortem examinations being undertaken last night before they would know for sure how Mrs Russell and her daughter died.

A police spokesman said Josephine could have a key role to play. "Clearly she will be the main witness. Police are hoping to speak to her, though that will depend on her injuries. This girl is probably our greatest hope of finding out what happened."

Mrs Russell left the family home in the village of Nonington to pick up her children from school in nearby Goodnestone at around 4pm on Tuesday.

Staff at the school confirmed that she arrived to collect the girls, and the three were seen to set off.

The Russell family had moved down from north Kent a year earlier. Mrs Russell, aged 48, was working at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology at Kent University in Canterbury.

Dr Russell, described by his boss Michael Walker as one of the nicest men he knew, returned home in his black Subaru shortly after seven. He was worried and went to look for his family.

He called the police at 10.45pm and two hours later detectives, led by Chief Inspector David Stevens, made their bloody discovery.

Yesterday Margaret Friar, aged 62, whose 10-year-old daughter, Josephine, is a classmate of Josephine, said she watched every day from her kitchen window as Mrs Russell walked her daughters home.

"That pathway is very overgrown and she did it on her own with two little girls. I know this is a lovely area, but these days you can't feel safe anywhere. I wanted to run down and tell her not to do it, but I never did."

Mrs Davy Peak, head teacher of the 70-pupil Goodnestone Church of England primary school, said: "We are in shock, we are in distress. We need to talk to parents."

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Documents show that the IRD was closely involved with the Trades Union Congress, lobbied against unions supporting the National Council for Civil Liberties, and played an active role in splitting the international union movement in the late 1940s.

A note from a senior IRD official in 1949 warned that the NCCL (now renamed Liberty) was "heavily communist-pennetrated and is in fact being used for little if anything more than attacking our colonial administration and policies at every opportunity."

The "persuasion" was done through the TUC, where Vic Feather, who later became general secretary.

Orwell offered blacklist

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## 'I don't think anti-semitism is a strong card to play in anti-Russian propaganda'

This is the text of George Orwell's letter to Celia Kravitz of Whitehall's secret Information Research Department.

"I DID suggest DARCY GILLY (Manchester Guardian) didn't P. There is also a man called COLLERTON (expert on the Moscow trials) who I'd be contacted through the Observer."

Cranham 6.4.49

Dear Celia,

I haven't written earlier because I have really been rather poorly, and I can't use the typewriter even now. I hope you will be able to cope with my handwriting.

I couldn't think of any more names to add to your possible list of writers except FRANZ BORKENAU (the Observer would know his address) whose name I think I gave you, and GLEB STRUVE (he's at Pasadena in California at present), the Russian translator and critic. Of course there are hordes of Americans, whose names can be found in the (New York) New Leader, the Jewish monthly paper "Commentary", and the "Communist Review". I could also, if it

is of any value, give you a list of journalists and writers who in my opinion are crypto-communists, fellow-travellers or inclined that way and should not be trusted as propagandists. But for that I shall have to send for a notebook which I have at home, and if I do give you such a list it is strictly confidential.

Just one idea occurred to me for propaganda not abroad but in this country. A friend of mine in Stockholm tells me that as the Swedes didn't make films of their own one sees a lot of German and Russian films and some of the Russian films, which of course would not normally reach this country, are unbelievably scurrilous anti-British propaganda. He referred especially to a historical film about the Crimean war. As the Swedes can get hold of these films I suppose we can't might it not be a good idea to have showings of some of them in this country?

I read the enclosed article with interest, but it seems to me anti-religious rather than anti-semitic. For what my opinion is worth, I don't think anti-semitism is a strong card to play in anti-Russian

propaganda. The USSR must in practice be somewhat anti-semitic, as it is opposed both to Zionism within its own borders and on the other hand to the liberalism and internationalism of the non-Zionist Jews, but a polyglot state of that kind can never be officially anti-semitic. In the Nazi manner, just as the British Empire cannot if you try to tie up Communism with anti-semitism. It is always possible in reply to point to people like Kaganovich, or Anna Paulsen, also to the large number of Jews in the Communist parties everywhere. I also think it is bad policy to try to curry favour with your enemies. The Zionists Jews everywhere hate us and regard Britain as the enemy, more even than Germany. Of course this is based on misunderstanding, but as long as it is so I do not think we do ourselves any good by denouncing anti-semitism in other nations.

I am sorry I can't write a better letter, but I really have felt so lousy the last few days. Perhaps a bit later I'll get some ideas.

With love, George.

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DUNBLANE: last day of inquiry hears that licensing officers' attitudes were coloured by 'official' gun culture, Erend Clouston reports

# Police 'not to blame for massacre'

**T**HE Cullen inquiry into the Dunblane massacre ended yesterday with a forceful defence of the police who failed to revoke Thomas Hamilton's firearms licence.

The role of the Central Scotland force is expected to be questioned, along with the revealed general looseness of the regulations surrounding gun ownership, by the report which Lord Cullen will present to Parliament within the next three months.

The 28-day inquiry concluded with a criticism of the "tacit sympathy" towards the gun culture displayed by the authorities, and with the question of Thomas Hamilton's paedophilia still hanging in the air. Despite 171 witnesses unrestrained by libel laws, hard evidence linking the mass murderer to child abuse remained meagre.

Lord Cullen is expected also to make recommendations about the vetting of adults working with children and the security of school playgrounds — an issue highlighted again by this week's events in Wolverhampton.

As he wound up the public hearing in Stirling's Albert Halls, Lord Cullen said he hoped to produce a report which would "measure up to the responsibility which is entrusted to me".

Representatives of the families of the 16 children killed and those wounded by Hamilton have concentrated on the willingness of the Central

Scotland force to renew Hamilton's gun licence three times, despite a concurrent series of police investigations into his sports clubs and summer camps.

A damning 1991 report from the force's child protection unit alleging Hamilton was "scheming, devious, deceitful and not to be trusted" has been used by the families' lawyers to accuse the force's firearms department of "culpable failure".

Yesterday, however, it was argued that Hamilton was never such a threat to the public that would have justified the cancellation of his licence. James Taylor, for the police, said that an officer's licence, addressed to the deputy chief constable in charge of gun licence applications, was a response to "over-chastisement" of children by Hamilton, rather than assault.

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Conceding that there had been criticisms of the police's failure to lodge intelligence reports on Hamilton in either his firearms or police files, Mr Taylor asked Lord Cullen to view the force's attitude to Hamilton in the light of the official "culture" regarding firearms.

"It is from the top of the tree that the tone is set," Mr Taylor said, citing the Gov-



Thomas Hamilton: 'paedophilia not proved'

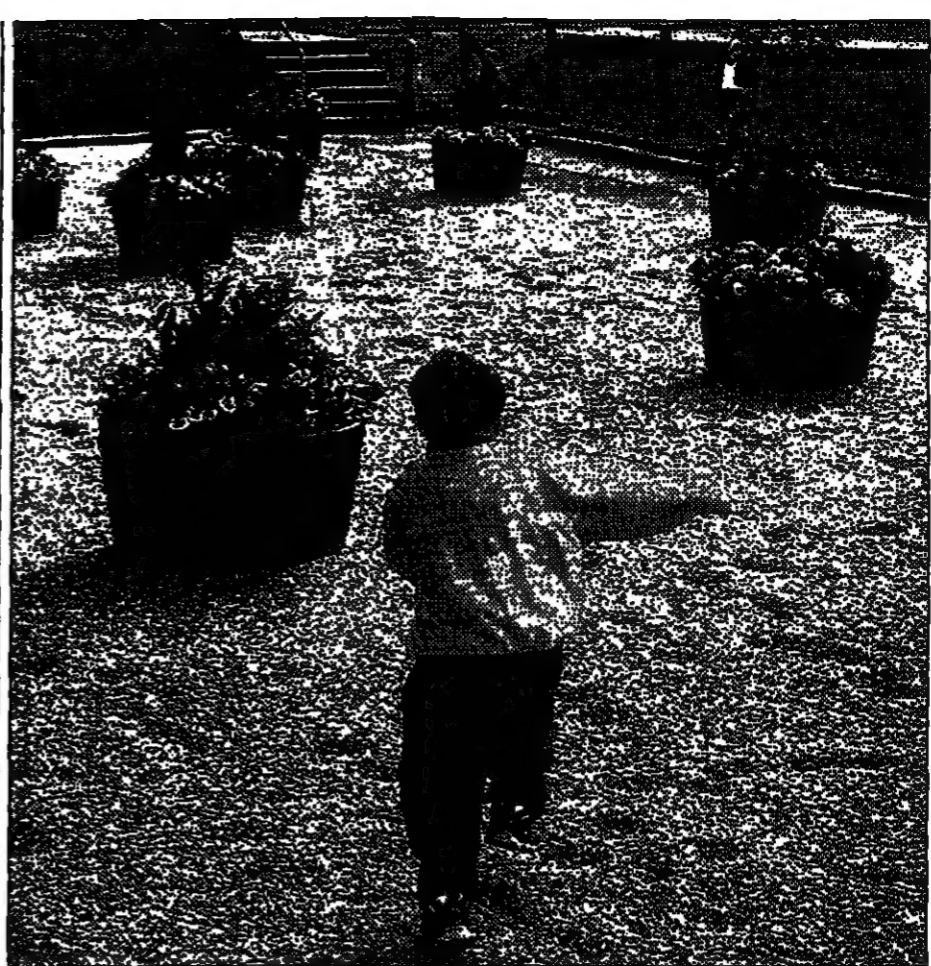
## What they said

"Good reasons for revocation or refusal of his licence abounded. Very sadly, they were ignored, and but for the firearms department's culpable failure to remove these weapons, this terrible tragedy would not have happened" — Colin Campbell QC, for the families, to Lord Cullen

"These nutters usually kill themselves anyway; they don't want to be wounded by firearms officers" — retired police firearms instructor John Wilson discussing Hungerford gunman Michael Ryan with Thomas Hamilton

"He is scheming, devious, deceitful and not to be trusted" — Detective Sergeant Paul Hughes in 1991 memo to the deputy chief constable, Douglas McMurdo, unsuccessfully requesting revocation of Hamilton's gun licence

"I don't think anybody could have done anything which would have wended this individual out" — Mr McMurdo to the inquiry



Playtime... a boy runs in the memorial garden laid out on the site of the Dunblane primary school gym where the massacre took place

## Schools urged to focus on low achieving boys

**S**CHOOL inspectors yesterday called for a programme of positive action to combat the persistent under-achievement of boys at almost every level of the education system.

The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) published striking evidence from its routine inspection of thousands of co-educational schools showing the performance gap between girls and boys is greater in successful schools which are efficiently managed, orderly and achieve good overall standards.

Senior inspectors said the better schools helped both boys and girls improve their exam results, but the relative superiority of the girls increased as the overall standard of the school was raised. The implication was the gender gap would widen if politicians and teachers succeeded in their aim of lifting school performance.

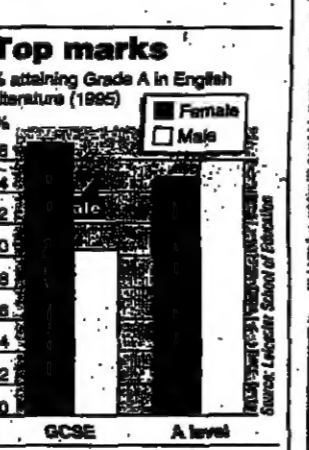
The report by Ofsted and the Equal Opportunities Commission showed that girls outperform boys at ages 7, 11 and 14 in national curriculum assessments in English. Achievements in maths and science are broadly similar.

Girls are more successful than boys at every level in GCSE, with more achieving at least one grade C and more passing in at least five subjects at grade C or above.

Girls are succeeding at GCSE in "boys' subjects" such as technology, maths and chemistry.

The inspectors found some evidence that the boys started catching up during their A level course. This was supported yesterday by a separate report from London and Leicester universities suggesting hard work and good organisation helped girls to excel at GCSE, but boys' greater flair and confidence helped them at A level.

Teachers spoke of boys' "greater willingness to sound stupid". The girls "lack courage to discard irrelevant detail and perform less well in traditional exams", said Janette Rowood of London University's Institute of Education and Chris Comber of Leicester University's School of Education.



Ofsted found one secondary school in five was "weak in meeting the particular needs of one or the other sex". Problems included under-performance by one sex in lessons or exams, inappropriate attention to gender issues in books and resources material, and lack of preparation for opportunities in working life.

Cliff Gould, head of Ofsted's secondary school team, said more should be done to increase boys' rapport with their schools.

Positive action for boys could include single-sex groupings for English, foreign languages and other subjects in which they under-performed. Greater use of information technology for English teaching could help to stimulate boys' enthusiasm and some schools were experimenting in mentoring schemes to give boys better role models.

"We have had reasonable success in raising the achievement of girls. We mustn't be complacent about that. But now also we need to be concerned about under-achieving boys," said Oona Stannard, a senior inspector.

"We want schools to look long and hard at the factors which may be contributing to that and think about strategies of positive action which worked for girls and could work for boys," she said.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, said boys' poorer GCSE results posed a crisis in education.

"We have to change the culture and ethos in our schools. Positive action is needed to improve the performance of white working class boys and Afro-Caribbean young men."

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# Srebrenica's new Serbs stake their claim

As UN teams dig for those killed when the 'safe haven' fell a year ago, voters register under laws that could shake off the Muslims' last hold on their old home. **Julian Borger reports**

QUIETLY and mundanely, the final act in the ethnic cleansing of Srebrenica is being carried out in this desolate Bosnian mountain town, exactly a year after Bosnian Serb forces brushed aside its fragile United Nations shield and slaughtered thousands of its Muslim inhabitants.

All that remains of Srebrenica's former status as an internationally designated "safe area" are a few black and white UN signs hanging at skewed angles from the walls of a factory, and the faded orange white and blue colours of the Dutch Unprofor peacekeepers whose presence

was meant to deter the attack which came last July 11. The international community has sent new colours and new acronyms in their place. Officials from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), backed by Nato troops from the Implementation Force (IFOR) patrol the streets in their white and olive-green vehicles, monitoring preparations for the September elections.

In the town hall, a line of Serb refugees stand in silence along an unlit corridor, waiting to register. As their turn came, each voter ticked a box renouncing their remaining link with their former districts and requesting the

right to vote in their new home: Srebrenica. It takes about 10 minutes per person, but each completed form institutionalises the process of ethnic cleansing. If all goes according to the plans of the Bosnian Serb leadership, Srebrenica will complete its bloody transition from a majority Muslim town to a purely Serb stronghold with Serb leaders on September 14, election day.

Bozica Pasalic, a 40-year-old Serb from Tuzla, insisted registering to vote in Srebrenica was an act of liberation: "I feel free. I feel like I did before the war, at home," she said. She had been discriminated against as a Serb by Tuzla's

Muslim-led authorities, especially in the distribution of humanitarian aid, she said. She virtually starved and bought her way across the front line in 1994. "I would rather die than go back to Tuzla and live under Muslim rule," she said.

Through voter registration, which ends on July 15, Serbs are laying claim to all the other former Muslim towns in Serb-held territory — Zepa, Foca, Visegrad, Prijedor and Banja Luka — hardening the ethnic walls of the Serb republic.

The Muslim-led government, which fought to keep Bosnia whole, has argued bitterly with the OSCE's voting regulations which give displaced people the right to choose where to vote. But it agreed to the principle last December when it signed the Dayton peace agreement. Most Muslim refugees from

Srebrenica are fighting to keep at least a symbolic hold on their town. Radenka Jarric, an electoral official in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, said "99 per cent" of refugees from Srebrenica coming to register were asking for absentee ballots, which will allow them to vote for the Srebrenica authorities without taking the perilous journey

together [with the Serbs] before and we can again as long as all the war criminals are handed over. Living together is possible."

Mr Bektic said he hoped the election of Muslim municipal leaders would somehow speed his return. John Fawcett, an analyst from the International Crisis Group independent think-tank, said

are receding. Momcilo Svetinovic, head of the Srebrenica branch of the ruling Serb Democratic Party (SDS), is confident of 7,000 Serb votes, which he thinks will be enough to beat off the Muslim refugee vote.

There are 31,000 Muslim refugees from Srebrenica, but many are children. According to preliminary OSCE figures, Muslim refugees have been slower to register. By late Tuesday only 11,000 had asked for absentee ballots for the whole country.

Most of Srebrenica's adult male population — up to 8,000 men — are missing, presumed dead. This week a UN forensic team has been examining some of their remains from a mass grave at Ceraska, 15 miles north-west of Srebrenica. Yesterday they were brushing dirt off layers of bodies buried on a hill.

Mr Svetinovic dismisses ac-

counts of mass executions. "We'll see how many of those on the missing list turn up to vote," he laughs.

Neither do the Serb voters queuing to register believe the previous owners of their new homes were massacred. "These stories all come from the Muslim side," Ms Pasalic said. "Serbs were never genocidal."

Today in Tuzla, on the first anniversary of Srebrenica's fall, 6,000 Muslim women survivors plan to unveil a huge banner embroidered with the names of their missing men.

In Srebrenica, the SDS is planning to celebrate the town's "liberation", with a rally and a special promotion of a video by Miroslav Jevtic, a leading Serb ideologue of ethnic cleansing.

Mr Svetinovic surveyed the Serb voters outside his door with satisfaction. "It will be an occasion for victors," he said.

**'We lived together [with the Serbs] before and we can again as long as all the war criminals are handed over'**

ney across ethnic boundaries to their old home.

"It is our land. We will not be separated from our land," said Murad Bektic, a 46-year-old Muslim survivor of the massacre which followed Srebrenica's fall. "We lived



Czech police arrested about 50 demonstrators at the Temelin nuclear power station in the southern Czech Republic yesterday on the fourth day of a protest against the Soviet-designed plant which is still being built. PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN GALLUP

## Yeltsin's economic programme veers towards Communists

David Hearst in Moscow

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin has begun steering Russia on the economic course advocated by his Communist opponents, promising to keep the factories open and to stimulate production, even at the cost of higher inflation. He said his reform programme would continue, but with "serious corrections".

The change of tack was heralded by an interview given by the president's chief economic adviser, Alexander Litvshin, who said low inflation should not be the only aim of economic policy and warned Russia not to expect a sudden rush of investment for "six to 10 months".

With a budget deficit already hovering on the limits set by the International Monetary Fund, and acknowledged difficulties in meeting the summer wages bill, Russia could well be on the point of reneging on pledges it gave the IMF when a \$10.2 billion (£6.6 billion) loan began. An IMF monitoring team is due to arrive in Moscow soon.

Mr Yeltsin said: "Factories must have orders, people

must have work and we must ensure a rise in every Russian family's living standards. I see this as my main task."

Rumours circulated all day about who Mr Yeltsin would appoint as the new economic chief. The first whisper was that arch critic of the prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, the liberal economist Grigori Yavlinsky. Then came leaks that Viktor Ilyushin, the president's senior aide, would be named.

Mr Ilyushin is a grey cardinal who has shunned publicity, wielding substantial influence over Mr Yeltsin. Like the president, he is from Yekaterinburg, has strong links with the military industrial complex and is an unabashed supporter of Mr Yeltsin's sacked chief bodyguard, General Alexander Korzhakov.

Yesterday, Mr Ilyushin hinted that a job should be found for Gen Korzhakov, who was dismissed after a scandal when two senior Yeltsin campaigners were arrested carrying cash out of the White House.

Although still looking shaky on his legs, Mr Yeltsin has not left the capital for a

rest cure in his Black Sea dacha in Sochi, determined to stamp his authority on his squabbling courtiers. He yesterday named Mr Chernomyrdin as the head of his new government, but the real balance of forces is unclear.

Mr Chernomyrdin, who represents the oil and gas lobby, has clashed publicly with Mr Yeltsin's new security adviser, General Alexander Lebed. Yesterday it was announced that the president had approved Gen Lebed's proposals for a security council with beefed-up powers, although no details were given.

Gen Lebed had demanded control over economic policy, but was yesterday put in charge of a drive to fight crime in the capital. A statement said Mr Yeltsin had issued a decree allowing for emergency measures.

Mr Chernomyrdin's appointment could be a stop-gap measure. He is clearly associated with the present economic policy, which a majority in Russia blames for the industrial standstill.

If, as expected, the federal budget crisis gets worse in September, Mr Chernomyrdin could easily be sacrificed.

Mr Chernomyrdin — already put on the defensive by the collapse this week of Mr Yeltsin's truce in Chechnya — was wrong-footed when the Russian news agency Interfax said an arrest warrant had been issued for the Chechen rebel leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, with whom Mr Yeltsin negotiated the truce.

The report, quoting Major Igor Melnikov, head of the Russian press centre in Chechnya, came as Russian aircraft pounded two villages, Gekhi and Mekhety, the headquarters of Mr Yandarbiyev. At least 20 civilians in Mekhety were killed.

Asked who was in control, Mr Chernomyrdin said: "There has been no failure in the presidential plan for the peaceful settlement of the crisis in the Chechen republic — the federal forces have brought to their senses some of the rebels and their leaders who have gone too far."

Major Melnikov's statement was withdrawn under pressure from Moscow.

Gen Lebed is due to launch his own peace initiative in Chechnya and has pledged to negotiate with anyone interested in a ceasefire.

## Seveso's green legacy

John Hooper in Rome

A PARK was opened yesterday, not far from Milan. It extends over about 16 square miles, of which more than three-quarters is planted with shrubs and saplings.

The regional authorities in Lombardy, who have spent nine years creating the park, expect it to turn gradually from a garden into a wood and from a wood into a dense forest.

They said yesterday that it was already home to hedgehogs, rabbits, moles and foxes. In time it may be difficult to persuade the schoolchildren on guided tours that the Bosco delle Querce, or Oak Tree Wood, outside Seveso, marks the site of a disaster that revolutionised people's thinking.

Exactly 20 years ago an explosion at a plant owned by an affiliate of the Swiss pharmaceuticals giant,

Roche, caused a cloud of poisonous dioxin to float over one of the most densely populated areas in Europe.

Nobody died at Seveso, but more than 600 people suffered skin damage, farm animals were killed and land was rendered unusable. Its effects may have been dwarfed by those of the chemical disaster at Bhopal in India eight years later, which cost more than 2,000 lives. But, like Bhopal, Seveso marked a turning point in environmental awareness and attitudes towards the chemicals industry.

"A new culture of safety developed," said a Roche spokesman said in Zurich yesterday.

In 1982 the European Union issued a law — the so-called Seveso directive — which compelled firms producing hazardous substances to build safer plants and to introduce effective accident manage-

ment systems. Ironically, the revised version of that directive has yet to reach Italy's statute books.

Its provisions were put into a decree which has been repeatedly reissued, but never been turned into law. An Italian government decree is valid for only 60 days, after which it must be renewed.

The new environment minister, Edo Ronchi, marked the anniversary by issuing a statement imploring legislators to convert the measure into a bill.

Roche has paid out 300 million Swiss francs (£153 million) as redress for personal injury and environmental damage arising from the disaster.

But controversy remains. During clearance of the site, 41 drums of dioxin disappeared. Reports have them being either incinerated in Switzerland or dumped at La Spezia on Italy's west coast. Prosecutors are investigating.

## More attacks on graves

Paul Webster in Paris

AFTER the desecration of a second British first world war cemetery in less than a week, police in northern France said they believed a group of young vandals might be responsible.

Visitors to Bouvay cemetery in the Pas-de-Calais department yesterday found about 50 headstones either smashed or damaged. On Sunday, 112 British war graves were vandalised at the Aval Wood cemetery in the adjoining Nord department near Lille.

Yesterday, three tombstones in the Canadian Orange Hill cemetery near Bouvay were also found damaged.

Police investigating the Aval Wood case met the French veterans' affairs minister, Pierre Pasquini, yesterday to discuss possible links.

The veterans' ministry is also considering as a factor the publicity given to the commemoration of the 1916 Battle of the Somme.

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# Big bucks spur Canada's broncos

Sponsorship and prizes drive the Calgary Stampede, writes Paul Koring in Ottawa

THE shining skyscrapers of Calgary stand largely empty this week as businesses shut down while the oil-rich city indulges in 10 days of romantic Wild West nostalgia punctuated by bleary-eyed pancake breakfasts.

The annual Stampede and Exhibition bills itself as The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, but the bull-wrestling, bronco-busting, calf-roping and chuck-wagon races are only part of the phenomenon. Even though it rained for the first time in 65 years on the opening-day parade, more than 250,000 people jammed the route. For along with the hoopla and the sauteen, the string ties and the Steeles, the Stampede is about big money.

It will pour a record 127 million Canadian dollars (\$50 million) into the city this year, Barry Biggar, vice-president of the convention and visitors' bureau, predicts.

Some cowgirls, however, feel they are not getting their due at what Carolyn Vietor, president of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, calls "the last bastion of chauvinism".

In the early frontier shows, women competed in bronco-busting and bull-riding events. But they have lately been relegated to "ladies" barrel-racing — a still-gruelling event demanding superb horsemanship and lightning reflexes. This year, the event has finally been given equal status — at least in terms of the C\$60,000 prize money — with the main men's events.

Florence La Due would be pleased. She was the trick roper and rider married to Guy Weadick, the cowboy from the United States widely credited with founding the Stampede in 1912, as the "biggest frontier show" on earth.

Hyperbole remains an essential part of it: the thickest steaks, the biggest prizes, the fanciest boots (ostrich skin at C\$50 a pair).

Seldom is heard a discouraging word. When Chrysler Canada backed out as the main sponsor this year, General Motors was quick to step in.

Last year, the deaths of three horses — one after a horrific crash in a chuck-wagon race — produced brief howls from animal welfare activists. The races, where four wagons, each pulled by four horses, career at break-neck speed around a half-mile track, is the Stampede's highlight and most frequent. Two of Alberta's top chuck drivers have been killed in the past three years.

In light of the danger, most national sponsors eschew the springtime auction when bidders can elect to put their logo on the wagons. But that does not stop stalwart locals from paying up to C\$120,000 to sponsor a top driver.

Yet the animal welfare lobby has been drowned by the hoisterous celebration that is the unabashed heart of the Stampede.



Parting company... A rider is thrown by a bucking bronco in the bareback event at the Calgary Stampede in Alberta. PHOTOGRAPH BY PATRICK PRICE

## Hero's return for mighty dieter

Mark Tran in New York

IT TOOK just 10 men to help Michael Hebranko from the ambulance yesterday as one of the world's fattest men returned to his Brooklyn home and a hero's welcome.

But then, when he left two months ago, a forklift truck was needed to lift his 71-stone bulk from the house.

Neighbours turned out in force to cheer Mr Hebranko, who lost over 29 stones during a stay in St Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Centre. Doctors said that Mr Hebranko, aged 46, had been just a few days from death in May when 20 men and the forklift prised him from the house. Part of a wall was bulldozed because Mr Hebranko could not fit through the door. He was then taken to hospital on a special vehicle normally used to carry small whales.

The new-look Mr Hebranko,

who has vowed to stay trim, was accompanied by his wife, Madeline.

"I didn't want to fall in front of everybody, but once I got through the front door, I felt like Alice in Wonderland," he said. "It felt good to be home."

Mr Hebranko, who no longer needs an oxygen tank, set a world record when he lost 50 stones in the late 1980s, but he then put them — and more — back on again. He is now on a 1,400-calorie-a-day diet and will see a physiotherapist twice a week.

Angelo Cantone, who used to deliver \$200-worth of high-fat lunches to Mr Hebranko every week, presented him with a case of diet soft drinks. "I will not serve him any more," he said.

Fitness guru Richard Simmons, who helped Mr Hebranko lose weight before, said: "Now, hopefully, this man can have some dignity."

## Russia endangers arms pact

Ian Black, Diplomatic Editor

NEGOTIATIONS on controlling the global export of weapons and sensitive dual-use technology are heading for failure with Russia refusing to bow to Western pressure and disclose information about sales.

In a session billed as a crucial test for the re-elected Boris Yeltsin, officials from 31 countries meet in Vienna today to discuss the replacement for the cold war era Coordinating Committee on Export Controls (Coccom).

Talks on the new mechanism — nicknamed "son of Coccom" and known formally as the Wassenaar Arrangement — began in April but foundered almost immediately when Russia refused to accept rules agreed by others.

Now, after an interlude for the presidential elections, Moscow is signalling that it will not budge. "We expected the West not to treat Russia as a country which represents

a threat," a Russian diplomat said. "They should not put limitations on our dealings in dual-use products. There is no change."

Wassenaar was established last year to exchange information about the transfer of "sensitive dual-use goods and technologies" including machines, tools, computers and cryptographic equipment.

It aims to prevent the sort of destabilising build-up of arms and hi-tech equipment which led to the Gulf war. It brings together European Union countries, the United States and Russia, which account for more than 90 per cent of global weapons sales.

But the main stumbling block is about when an exporting country must notify other members of its sales. All except Russia back a "no undercutting without consultation" rule for dual-use goods.

This would mean that if Russia wanted to sell dual-use items to a country that Yeltsin had refused to export to, Russia would have to inform all other members of the

organisation when it issued the export licence, giving them the chance to dissuade Russia.

But Russia is insisting that notification of exports be delayed until after goods have been delivered — making a commercial and political nonsense of the mechanism.

"Most people are fairly pessimistic about the odds because there's no sign the Russians have changed their position," a US diplomat said. "If we don't get them in we'll have to re-evaluate. Do we keep trying to flog a dead horse or cut our losses and move on to something else?"

Arms controls groups like Safeworld say that even if Russia cannot accept the requirement, a US diplomat said, "If we don't get them in we'll have to re-evaluate. Do we keep trying to flog a dead horse or cut our losses and move on to something else?"

Russia's response has confirmed Western fears that it wants to sell weapons and technology without restraint. Mr Yeltsin's poor health and the rise of the hardliner Alex-

ander Lebed are thought to bode ill for future co-operation.

The Soviet Union exported arms worth an average of \$14 billion a year (\$3 billion), lost out badly to Western rivals after the end of the cold war but is set to sell \$4.5 billion worth this year.

Experts have warned that without Russian co-operation Wassenaar will be meaningless while other problems — focused on Western attempts to monopolise conventional arms sales — threaten the future of the structure.

Russia was allowed to join only after bowing to US pressure not to sell sensitive equipment to Iran, one of the four "pariah states" all Wassenaar members have pledged to shun. The others are Iraq, Libya and North Korea.

But concentration on banning sales to the pariahs means some countries on the US list of countries sponsoring terrorism, such as Cuba, Syria and Sudan, could be seen as acceptable customers.

## First rule of bull fiesta: run away

New York Times in Pamplona

AFTER last year's going to death of an American during Pamplona's annual run with the bulls, the city has published a glossy pamphlet in English, German and French revealing the secrets of how to get through the race alive.

"Do not run towards the bulls."

"Do not challenge, touch, or otherwise distract the bulls. This could be fatal."

"Do not be overconfident. Retire before you get into difficulties."

The 16-point checklist arrived just in time for the week-long San Fermin festival, which began on Sunday. Yesterday one Spaniard was gored and eight injured in other ways. (One man was also found dead of an alcohol overdose.)

"A lot of people who come here are ignorant about running with the bulls," said the city's deputy mayor, Joaquin Pascual, and added that some thought the event was "less risky than jogging".

The colour pamphlet, 25,000 copies of which have been distributed, may help correct that view. The cover advises participants to "Run Safely!" and features an image of two bulls about to trample and gore several runners.

City officials have become uneasy in recent years as more foreigners have crowded into the town for the festival and tested their luck in the daily morning ritual of racing

with the bulls through the cobblestone streets to the bull-fighting ring, a spectacle made famous by Ernest Hemingway in his 1926 novel *The Sun Also Rises*.

Seventy years later, Pamplona's population of 185,000 doubles on peak festival days and the number of runners can reach 3,000. A city spokesman, Santiago Gómez, said Pamplona hoped to avoid more accidents that might lead to the run being suspended.

The advice in the pamphlet is based on common faults among runners identified by city officials.

It might seem obvious not to run towards the bulls, but it often happens as participants seek a better position at the start of the race.

Runners are also advised not to carry anything, including cameras and babies. Last year, course marshals had to remove two women carrying small children.

There have been hundreds of gorings over the years, but the death of a 22-year-old man from Chicago last year added urgency to publishing the pamphlet. He was the first person killed in 15 years.

Pamplona officials say the American made a mistake when he fell by getting up and starting to run again, instead of staying still.

The pamphlet also identifies a problem some veteran runners consider nearly as dangerous as the bulls. "Do not push or elbow the other runners," it says. But compliance this week seemed patchy, with many runners shoving each other, mainly to get away from the bulls.

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## China and US smooth over issues still dividing them

Martin Walker in Washington

THE United States national security adviser, Anthony Lake, yesterday ended a visit to China during which officials from the two countries appear to have avoided tackling their big disagreements.

Both countries had an interest in smoothing over the crisis which came to a head last spring, when the US sent two aircraft carrier task forces to cruise off Taiwan as China "tested" missiles in the Taiwan Strait.

Both also have political reasons for restoring the appearance of good relations. President Clinton wants no new crisis off Taiwan before the November election. The Chinese leader, Jiang Zemin, is seeking a summit meeting with Mr Clinton before next year's Communist Party Congress, at which he hopes to seal his succession to the ailing Deng Xiaoping.

White House sources confirmed yesterday that such a summit has been agreed in principle for Beijing next year, assuming that Mr Clinton is re-elected, and all goes smoothly with China's takeover of Hong Kong.

"Common interests between China and the United States are far more numerous than our differences," said China's foreign ministry spokesman, Cui Tianshi. "There is no reason to be pessimistic about the future of bilateral relations."

Despite the warm words, the two countries have in effect agreed to differ on several key issues, but to keep talking. China repeated that it was determined to re-unite with Taiwan "by force if necessary", and Mr Lake said this would have "dire consequences".

Mr Lake met privately with Mr Jiang. He discussed Taiwan with the defence minister, Chi Haotian, and trade and economic co-operation with the prime minister, Li Peng. US officials said they would try to institutionalise relations.

Mr Lake's visit followed a last-minute concession by the Beijing government last month, agreeing to close pirate factories to avert a trade war.

## Climbdown by Washington on militia men bomb theory

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

THE United States government has been forced to admit that 12 militia men arrested in Arizona last week were not the conspirators it had earlier suggested.

The admission, in a Phoenix court where the 12 are pleading for bail, will fuel the extremist views of America's rightwing conspiracy theorists, who already believe Washington has concealed the role of informants in the bomb explosion that destroyed Oklahoma City's federal building in April last year, killing 169 people.

In that case, militia groups and their supporters say, the government employed an agent provocateur, who has disappeared, to help the bombing suspect, Timothy McVeigh, blow up the building.

A judge in Phoenix was deciding yesterday whether to keep the 12 in custody. Earlier, he heard that seven alleged militia targets — including the offices of the FBI federal tax authorities, the Phoenix police and the national guard headquarters — were only discussed and not selected as real targets.

The judge has admonished the government for handling the "press packs" to the media to support its case that the Viper 12 are dangerous suspects who should be kept in custody. He has also forced prosecutors to abandon attempts to show a video of the militia men using explosives in the desert in 1994.

"There was no plot," said their defence counsel, Deborah Williams. "The only thing we've seen blown up is a hunk of dirt."

Prosecutor Frederick Battista countered: "They had the tape, they had the training and they had the capability... Their conduct is extremely dangerous."

Mr Battista said the group had an armory of weapons and explosives, including 70 shotguns and rifles, a machine-gun they called "Shirley", and other automatic weapons.

The Vipers are said to be one of 12 anti-government militias in Arizona.

### News in brief

**Niger clashes over elections**  
Police and opposition supporters clashed in Niger's capital Niamey yesterday, after the announcement that the military ruler, General Ibrahim Bare Maïnassara, had won the election with 52.23 per cent of the vote, witnesses said.

Gen Maïnassara replaced the independent national electoral commission on Monday and put his opponents under house arrest. — AP.

**Rebels arrested**  
The Mexican army has arrested four suspected members of the Popular Revolutionary Army, a leftwing group operating in Guerrero state. — Reuters.

**Original drama**  
A New Zealand woman who tied up her partner on the pretext of bondage sex and poured boiling water on his genitals has denied she copied the idea from the British television drama *Band of Gold*, police said yesterday. She has

been charged with attempted murder for trying to stab him. — Reuters.

**Coma rape charge**  
A sacked nurse's aide in New York state has been charged with raping a woman in a 10-year coma who later gave birth to a premature baby, prosecutors said. — AP.

**Land mine plea**  
The Nicaraguan village of La Explosión is asking the army to remove land mines that make surrounding farmland unusable, leading to malnutrition, a local newspaper said. — Reuters.

**Masked warning**  
Authorities in the Russian city of Volgograd plan to distribute some 50,000 gas masks to residents to help them survive possible accidents at local chemical plants, reports said yesterday. — AP.

**Fish bowl museum**  
China is to build an \$8 million underwater museum to preserve access to ancient fish carvings to be submerged by the Three Gorges Dam. — AP.

**A more nursery-conscious film would have made more mileage out of Esmeralda's goat sidekick.**

Jonathan Romney

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Welcome for Wales

But it is an investment in Europe too

SIX THOUSAND new jobs in Newport is good news for Wales and for the Government. The decision of the South Korean electronics giant LG Group to invest £1.7 billion in two new factories producing semi-conductors, monitors and televisions has been heralded as a personal triumph for Welsh Secretary William Hague and a more general endorsement for the deregulated Conservative economic model. But are such accolades justified?

Undoubtedly cheap labour has played a significant part in LG's decision to locate in Wales. Following the decline of the coal and steel industry, the going rate there is as little as half the South Korean average. Over five years, 6,100 jobs will be created, with spin-off jobs creating a further 6-15,000 new jobs elsewhere too. But don't get carried away by the Conservatives' idea that Britain has secured this deal simply because it is the "enterprise centre of Europe", isolated off-shore from the European Union. The combination of government money and access to lucrative European markets played a vital part in the Korean firm's decision too.

The idealistic and ideological version of events in which deregulated labour markets allow unemployed steel and coal workers to relocate to hi-tech semiconductor manufacture for multi-media products is too simplistic. The Welsh Development Agency chief executive Barry Hartop said yesterday there was no doubt that the flexibility of the Welsh workforce was a key issue in LG's decision. But was it the key issue? The Welsh Office and the WDA have refused to comment on the package of inducements that was offered to the LG Group, while the junior trade minister Tim Eggar explained that he did not want to give the game away, but there is clearly a bit more to it than that.

It does not require much of a leap of the imagination to hazard a guess as to what that bit more might be. The LG Group president, John Koo, pointed directly to the excellent deal offered by the Government. The Welsh Office and the WDA are to give between £120-200 million in grants and training subsidies to the Korean firm — a package that sounds very much like good old-fashioned industrial policy. And this comes on top of the initial investment to create the Imperial Park industrial development. The publicly-funded University of Wales dedicated semi-conductor training centre may have helped too.

Contrary to the free market fiction, William Hague has followed solidly in the tradition of Peter Walker as Welsh Secretary, rather than in that of John Redwood. Lord Walker unashamedly courted international firms, offering generous deals for those who came to Wales. LG arrives to join, among others, Sony, Panasonic and Matsushita. The Conservatives should not be allowed to misrepresent the true nature of the achievement.

Grants and inducements are only half the story, however. Crucially, production in Wales will allow the LG Group to penetrate European markets. They would not be here otherwise. Mr Hague has put a lot of hard work into persuading the Koreans to choose Wales rather than elsewhere in the EU. But it is our links to Europe which make the deal attractive, and the Government needs to draw this lesson too. Now that the beef crisis is at an end (for the time being at least) and the Tory right have temporarily turned away from attacks on Europe to calls for tax cuts, the Government has an extra incentive to restore relations within the EU to good health. Ministers should not delude themselves about the true reasons for this welcome industrial success. We cannot be the enterprise centre of Europe without also being at the heart of the European Union.

Take time out for stalkers

Government proposals may have unintended dangers

WOMEN are rightly angry. An offence which has generated terror among thousands of women is still not defined as a crime. Even the fame of some of the victims — Princess Anne, Helena Bonham-Carter, Madonna — failed to move ministers. There is still no offence of stalking and just two months ago a move by a backbench Labour woman MP, Janet Anderson, to make it a crime was blocked by the hardline ministerial team at the Home Office. Yet it is not just the famous who have suffered. More than 7,000 victims — fewer than 100 of them men — have contacted the National Stalking and Anti-Harassment Campaign in under two years. The intensity of some stalkers' obsession (800 letters sent to one victim) and the persistence with which it is pursued has been revealed by victims. By no means all are adult. Girls as young as 10 have been pursued.

Yet, for once, ministers were right to be cautious. The issue raises fiendishly difficult legal issues, which ministers have belatedly agreed to tackle. This week's consultation paper has been embraced by both main opposition parties, yet someone needs to speak up for the perils it poses to civil rights. Stalking will not be defined — either in civil or criminal law — but both legal systems will be used to catch offenders who cannot be caught by the current clutch of criminal statutes controlling harassment: abusive language, breaches of the peace, threatening words or malicious correspondence. Instead, three new ave-

nues will be opened. Where there is no chance of prosecution, victims will be able to turn to the civil courts for an injunction at a hearing where the offender will not need to be present and where a lower standard of proof (the balance of probabilities) is needed. Once the injunction is secured, offenders will be committing an offence and will be liable to a five-year prison sentence if they do not change their behaviour. Even worse, ministers are contemplating allowing injunctions against behaviour not where it has caused harassment but where there is "a likelihood". Where prosecution is possible from the start, there will be two new offences: causing a sense of harassment with up to a two-year prison sentence; and causing a fear of violence with up to a five-year sentence. There will be no need to prove intent.

Undoubtedly we need a law to control persistent pests. No one should dispute that. Yet we need something better than this package. What it would mean is that someone whose behaviour is hard to define could end up receiving a much longer sentence (five years for disobeying the court) than someone whom the prosecution could demonstrate from the start had caused distress (two years). As the consultation paper notes, many of the actions of stalkers are in themselves harmless — walking up and down a street or standing on a street corner. A run-up to an election is no time to be embarking on such a complex debate.

Pedalling a future vision

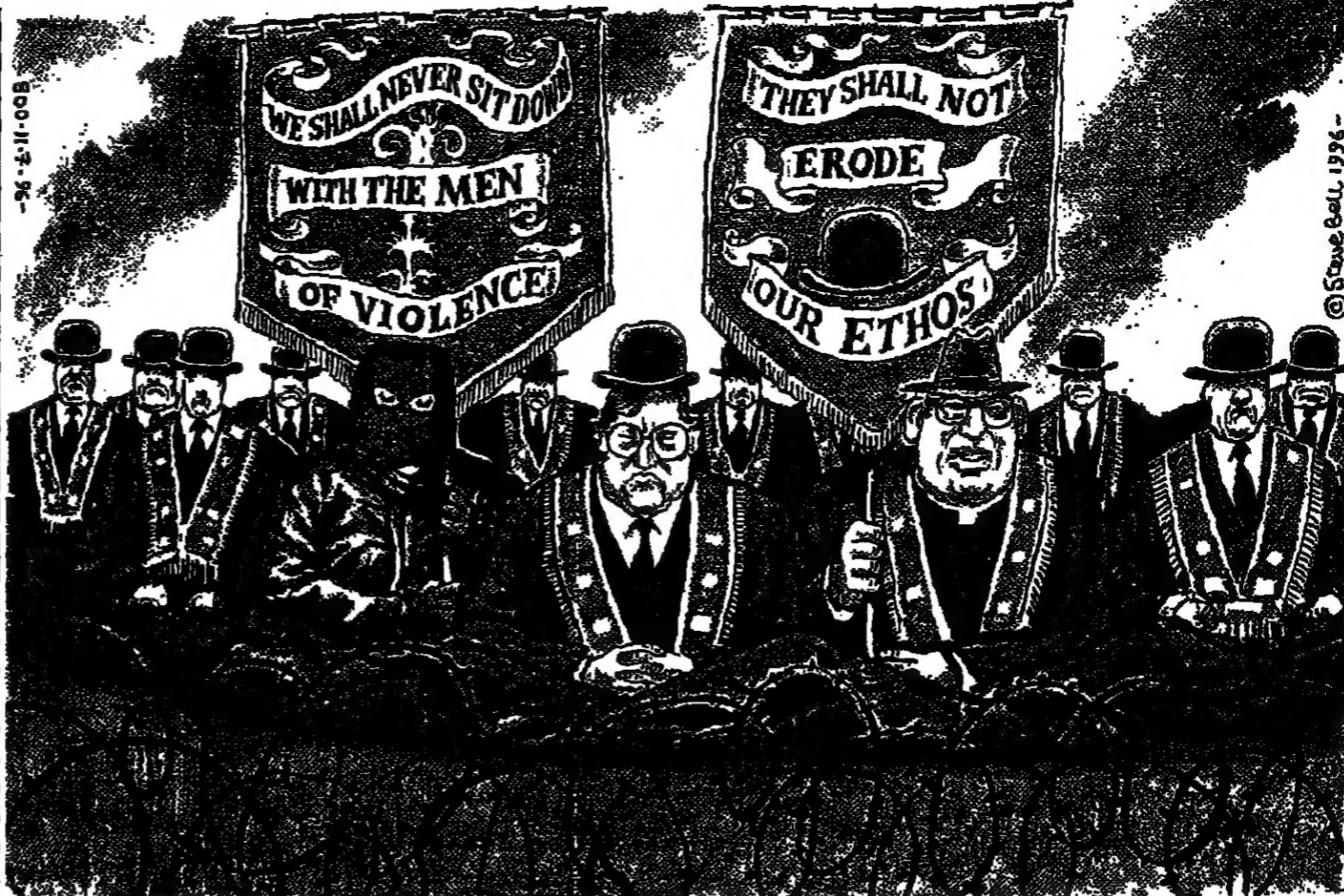
Where is the money to make us a nation of cyclists?

THE VISION, says transport secretary Sir George Young, is "more cycling" — twice as much by the year 2002 and a further doubling by 2012. Long before then, according to the new National Cycling Strategy, cyclists will find their daily lives transformed by a co-ordinated strategy between government, the private sector and road user groups. The status quo will be "altered in favour of the bicycle". Resting on our pedals, we shall freewheel boldly into the future.

This is intoxicating stuff for anyone who cycles regularly — or is deterred from doing so by appalling road conditions. The new strategy invokes an entirely changed climate. Children will cycle safely to school, with improved safety measures on their routes. Employees will cycle safely to work, in receipt of a bike allowance from their employer, who will also ensure that cycle parking arrangements are ade-

quate. (It might even mean down-sizing the directors' car park.) All new traffic schemes will be conditional on a "cycle audit". In plain words of revolutionary significance, local authorities and other transport providers will "reallocate road space to cycling".

That last phrase is the key. The basis for a national cycle network has already been set in place with Millennium Commission money, but although this can be used for short journeys, its main use will be for leisure and long-distance travelling. The new strategy is about everyday cycling — not just the towpath or the bypass, but the crowded high street and the dangerous rat-runs. The potential to change drivers into cyclists for short journeys is enormous, but only if actual square metres of road space are shifted too. Is there the commitment, and the money, to make this change? If not, cycling for the nation will remain only a vision.



Letters to the Editor

Blind sides of apartheid

IF Margaret Thatcher misread South Africa in July 1986 (Hugo Young, Commentary, July 9), she was not the only one who got it wrong. All that matters now is that Mandela got it right. Chris Jones, 20 Antonine Gate, St Albans, Herts.

HUGO Young quite rightly caricatures Mrs Thatcher for her anti-sanctions and anti-ANC policies in South Africa. But I think it is sloppy to blame individual politicians for this problem without situating it within the larger context of British foreign policy and the peculiar mindset of Whitehall mandarins who advise politicians. One could not help but draw parallels between British foreign policy in old South Africa and her role in current trouble spots like Burma and Nigeria, where she is still leading the "anti-sanctions" lobby, and in her treatment of people seeking political asylum. The only difference is that this time it is not the Iron Lady in charge, but a man who wants "a nation at ease with itself". It would appear that British foreign policy is driven by short-term national interests, regardless of who is at the helm, and one can only hope a

future Labour government will not become the hostage of Whitehall mandarins. Future winners of the struggle between democracy and dictatorship may not be as forgiving as Mr Mandela. (Dr) Kayode Fayemi, 3 Tyers Gate, London SE1.

MRS Thatcher may have failed, as Hugo Young puts it, into "dyspeptic insignificance", but her ideas and heirs still survive. Worse still, the passage of time seems to have accorded some of her more rabid views with a moral and intellectual respectability. Why otherwise do some of the media still treat seriously ideas expressed by Conservative institutions like the Centre for Policy Studies? Thatcher's legacy will not fade until the unblinking gaze which still hand out her views are also confined to retirement. Michael Leslie, 5 Leyburn Grove, Bingley BD16 4LU.

SOME 20 years ago, when I belonged to the Finchley WEA extra-mural class on International Affairs, we sent a letter to Mrs Thatcher, our constituency MP, asking what her views were on foreign policy. We never even received an acknowledgment of our letter. I wonder if Mrs T could not bring herself to reveal that her views on foreign policy were based on gut reactions. Inge Trutt, 72 Quarry Park Road, Chess, Surrey SM1 2DR.

Marking out the alternative path Buddhists can follow to Nirvana

MADELINE Bunting's article (Shadow boxing on the path to Nirvana, July 6) is a remarkable example of massaging information to fit a biased preconception. Based on hearsay and innuendo, it distorts even virtues into apparent crimes. She claims that Geshe Kelsang lives as a mysterious recluse, yet fails to mention his recent return from a successful lecture tour in America. All Mahayana Buddhists regard their Spiritual Guide as an emanation of Buddha. It is untrue that NKT students "believe they must obey, worship and pray to Kelsang because he is the Third Buddha", and that all but one of Tara Centre's residents are on income support.

The article presents one side of a dispute currently raging within the Tibetan Buddhist world. There are documents and eye-witness accounts which we can fully justify the claim that the Dalai Lama's government is denying its own people within the Tibetan community in India the fundamental right of religious freedom. Documents, supplied to your reporter, show that the Dalai Lama has banned this mainstream practice, not just recommended against it. We are using lawful means to expose this hypocrisy. At no stage have we done so in a violent manner. Steven Lane, Shugden Supporters Community, PO Box 33, Hebden Bridge, W Yorkshire HX7 7UX.

bers are also members of Shugden Supporters. The two are not synonymous. Furthermore, the dispute about Dorje Shugden is not between Geshe Kelsang Gyatso and the Dalai Lama. It is between numerous Gelugpa Lamas and the Dalai Lama.

Your article correctly states that Dorje Shugden is the protector of the Gelugpa tradition. The Dalai Lama has abandoned this practice and therefore can no longer be said to be following the mainstream Gelugpa tradition. Consequently, we claim that the Dalai Lama is sectarian. He is not the head of the Gelugpa tradition. He is principally the unelected political leader of the Tibetan people and has no spiritual right to ban any religious practice. A recent fact-finding mission to India confirmed our allegations. Witnesses confirmed the existence of forced declarations against worshipping Dorje Shugden, extreme intimidation by government officials, Shugden worshippers losing their jobs or western financial aid channelled via the Tibetan government, etc. Documents, supplied to your reporter, show that the Dalai Lama has banned this mainstream practice, not just recommended against it.

Shugden Supporters Community and the Dorje Shugden Devotees Charitable and Religious Society in India represent the four million people who worship the Wisdom Buddha, Dorje Shugden. Many of the 3,000 NKT mem-

Expectations that grate

HELENA Kennedy (who's been sitting in my chair, July 9) is right to point out that many men in senior positions are consciously or unconsciously predisposed to select those whose qualities they can recognise, ie other men. And at the top level, for all the reasons that she gives, there are not many women to choose from anyway.

But what worries me most is our continuing failure to provide realistic working conditions that are supportive to both men and women. In particular, the expectations laid



on successful young people today are so great that the women are seriously worried about when, or indeed if, they can take time out to have a family, while the men are becoming more openly macho and "laddish" than ever. I

Queens' counsel

IN CASE Neil Cromptie (Letters, July 10) gives the impression that my criticism of his show Gaytime TV was motivated by sour grapes, let me put the record "straight". I was asked to screen-test for a television slot about the gay lifestyle can be, full incidentally, of blind bilious rage. I withdrew when I saw how scary I looked on screen — despite Cromptie's inclination to pursue the idea further. Bitchy old queen? Absolutely. But jealous of Gaytime TV? Please. Mark Simpson, Hampstead Lane, London N6.

Trident's a nuclear waste

IN response to the World Court's opinion against the threat or use of nuclear weapons (International court fudges nuclear arms ruling, July 9), Britain's main political parties must reconsider policies based on the retention of Trident.

Trident serves no purpose as part of a credible defence policy for the British people. With the cold war over, continued retention of Trident has no relevance unless the missiles are intended to threaten Third World countries to comply with the plans of a western-dominated New World Order, or to form a part of an Anglo-French nuclear arm for the EU. Such plans should be rejected.

scale is intolerable. Britain should discontinue Trident under a Labour government: an arms conversions agency should be established and the savings reallocated to socially useful purposes and civilian production. Tony Benn MP, John Austin-Walker MP, Alice Mahon MP, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Ken Livingstone MP, Harry Cohen MP, Lew Smith MP, Neil Gerrard MP, Dennis Skinner MP, Audrey Wise MP, Lord Monkswell, Lord Jenkins of Putney, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

MALCOLM Rifkind described the new role for Trident as a tactical nuclear weapon able to deliver an "unmistakable message of our willingness to defend our vital interests". The Government is already in breach of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Does it intend to defy the World Court and continue to threaten any state it considers to be a danger to our trade routes, or whatever else may be deemed a "vital interest", with indiscriminate mass murder? Carol Vaughan, Vice-chair, CND, 140 Milverton Road, Birmingham B23 6EY.

Queens' counsel

YOU report me as saying "I can only pay my staff £7,000 a year" (Why I'll vote for the rise, July 10). What I actually said was that last year I topped up my staff salaries with £7,000, which came not from my allowances but from my own income. Brian Sedgemoor MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

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O, city of dreaming sheds

STEF Spencer, chair of Oxford City Council's planning committee, writes (Letters, July 9) that "a leisure development on the (Oxford) site is for the public good". But at two public meetings, the proposals were overwhelmingly voted down. And plenty of constructive alternatives have been proposed.

Mr Spencer writes: "The proposed development has no effect on the skyline. The 13-metre-high leisure sheds will be the first view of Oxford to greet trains. Adrian Williams, 72a Old High Street, Headington, Oxford OX3 5HW.

Planning Committee to approve the controversial city-centre leisure development. The reason: ready cash. If the land sale goes through before August 31, the council will have more money available for capital projects (because of a 12-month relaxation in the set-aside rules). But financial considerations should not play a part in making a planning decision on a central site. Factors such as traffic generation (in a city where asthma is on the increase and where air quality is a serious problem), architectural design, and the effect on the quality of life of local residents should surely be taken into account. (Cllr) Corinna Redman, Leader, LibDem Group, Oxford City Council, 59 Southmoor Road, Oxford OX2 6RF.

A Country Diary

SLOCID: On a hillside a few miles south of Inverness there were 17 wild goats grazing and browsing along the woodland edge, with nannies and their kids forming a loose grazing group. These are part of the tribe of goats living along the River Findhorn, although they do not stay at the Slocid all the year round. The origin of these goats is uncertain, but one theory is that they escaped from being driven north possibly from a far field as Ireland. When the old droving days sent cattle from the north of Scotland even as far south as Smithfield Market, goats were being driven in the opposite direction. The drover would sell goats on his northward journey and might get rid of all of them by the time he reached the Borders. However, it was not uncommon for some of the goats to end up in Caithness, where at one time they were commoner than sheep, cattle or horses. In the north they were often referred to as the poor man's cow as they would feed on almost anything in the wild.

their milk could be drunk, meat eaten and their skins used, let alone other parts. The problem with droving goats such distances was that the further they went north the countryside became wilder and the goats could escape more easily; this is believed to be the way the tribe ended up on the River Findhorn. While speculation indicates that tribes may have originated from when Britain was still part of the continental land-mass, others are far more recent. A few years ago, a villager excitedly told me that on a hill near the village which has the Gaelic name meaning goat hill he had just seen three white goats — the first ever seen there in his life. What he did not know was that someone living at the other end of the village had not managed to find a buyer for his three white goats and he had to get rid of them. As a Billy, a nanny and a kid were involved, the hill may once again have its goats for the future. RAY COLLIER

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Dick Hills

# Leave 'em laughing

FIRST met the comedy scriptwriter Dick Hills, who has died aged 70, when I was 12 and he was the up-and-coming sports star at Haberdasher's Aske's Hatcham School. He was two years my senior, and he went on to become the first XV rugby captain and captain of the school.

He then got himself organised and became a lieutenant in the navy during the war, took his degree at Magdalen College, Cambridge, and returned to the school as English master. This organising ability was to serve me in good stead later.

I had drifted in and out of several jobs, including the army, until our paths crossed once again in the late 1940s when both of us played for the Old Askean rugby side. He was no mean player, winning 21 caps for Kent, but his main attraction at that time was the fact that his mother ran a confectionary and tobacco shop in Eatham and was always good for a free packet of Woodbines.

I knew him for over 50 years and 25 of those in so close a relationship that it was almost man and wife. And we never had one quarrel.

One evening, after a few pints of beer at the rugby club, we decided we would help the Old Askean Dramatic Society by writing a pantomime for them. We met at a cafe in Forest Hill, which was to become our office for the next two years, and wrote an Aladdin, which is probably still going the rounds somewhere. That was how we formed a partnership which lasted 25 years.

With Dick still teaching English and me sampling mineral ore, we tried our luck at scriptwriting. After great encouragement from the BBC, where we encountered the Catch 22 situation "Yes, you are good enough to write for someone, but no, we can't let you write for someone until you have written for someone" — we formed a deliberate plan in 1956.

Dick was a revelation to me. I had always had a reputation as a wit among my friends, whereas Dick had always seemed to be the one who laughed at other people, and a wicked chuckle it was, too. But I found he had a sharp observation and a wonderful knack of stimulating comedy in others. He was the engine room of our partner-

ship — working until all hours, rewriting until we got it right. His favourite phrase to me was "Sid, you are being self-indulgent — it will make you laugh but not Joe Public." He would rein me in until the piece became practical. His strength in comedy was that anything made him laugh — wit, slapstick, mime, vaudeville — his only stipulation was that it should be done well. Even when dealing with an artist who was not easy, Dick's attitude was "If they deliver, the goods I'll tolerate them."

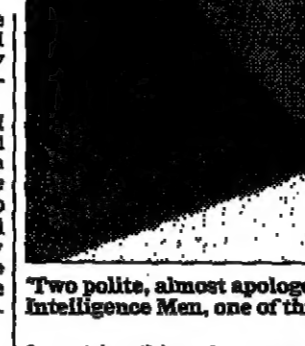
Our names went on the credits as S C Green and R M Ellis, because that's the way we always signed our correspondence.

I remember after we had written some successful sketches for Dora Bryan in the revue *Six Of One In The West End*, the critics on radio decided that S C Green and R M Ellis were obviously pseudonyms. It was some years before we decided we were enough a part of showbiz to become Sid and Dick.

The *Dave King Show* was a small success — Dick always said Dave was the best performer he ever wrote for and I'm inclined to agree — and we found ourselves in much demand — and being highly paid for what was to us an enjoyable pastime. We went from *Dave King To Jimmy Jewel* and *Ben Warriss* and *Charlie Drake* — somehow we found ourselves doing shows for female singers like Ruby Murray and Alma Cogan. We even wrote the ill-fated *Edmund Andrews Show* which made front-page headlines when he tried to sing.

In one particular year we wrote 56 shows, with Bruce Forsyth at the London Palladium, a 13-week series with *Jewel and Warriss*, half a dozen *Dave King Shows*, the *Citizen James* sitcom with Sid James and sundry other specials. Those were the days when writers were expected to be at rehearsals to rewrite and adjust to the time-limits of live TV. There was no editing and no recorded laughter.

This meant we had to split forces to attend meetings at the BBC and studios. Dick always insisted that he would pass me driving down the Old Kent Road and hand me his notes through the window. You needed somebody with Dick's organisation and perception to maintain this partnership. He had a remarkable gift



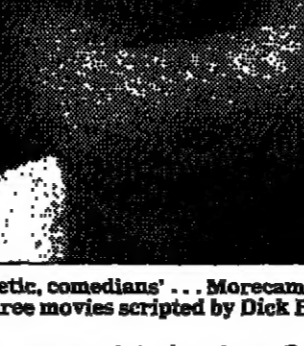
Two polite, almost apologetic comedians... Morecambe and Wise, above left, in *The Intelligence Men*, one of three movies scripted by Dick Hills, above, and Sid Green

for getting things in perspective. There was a particular medieval sketch we had written for *Dave King*, and the designer had created a whole castle. "The trouble with designers," maintained Dick, "is that while we are trying to do a show, they are trying to win an award." The centre-piece of this set was a 15-foot-long antique refectory table which was causing the director problems with camera angles and the performers' difficulties in moving round it.

After we had all hovered round for half an hour with no solution, Dick emerged from the studio seats. "I have been watching that table for 30 minutes," he said, "and it hasn't made me laugh once. Get it off." Problem solved.

One thing we always insisted on was that Saturday afternoons were free to play with Dick Hills and Sid Green from the studio seats. "I have been watching that table for 30 minutes," he said, "and it hasn't made me laugh once. Get it off." Problem solved.

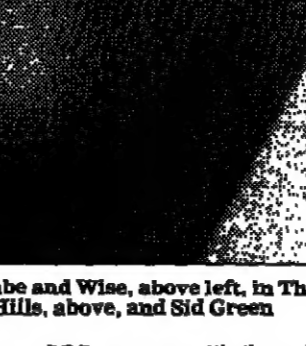
Then, in 1968, the *Dave King Show* was taken to America as a summer replacement for the *Perry Como Show*. Dick and I wrote 19 live shows on the US network — our partner being a useful American writer named Mel Brooks.



William Walsh

returned to humdrum England wondering what would replace it. We found our answer on the *Alma Cogan Show* — two polite, almost apologetic comedians named Morecambe and Wise. They had nothing to do with us, but the director had decided that they should perform in a live show with their backs to the audience. Dick and I ended up arguing their case and winning. "The backs to the audience show," as Eric always remembered it. A few weeks later *Law Grade* asked us if we would write a series for Morecambe and Wise. We immediately agreed and a four-month series lasted eight years (until 1969) and was formed, and it still makes me laugh.

The beginning was inauspicious. Equity went on strike and Eric and Ernie were left with Dick Hills and Sid Green and director Colin Clegg, and an occasional pin-up girl, who was only allowed to say "rhubarb." Eric referred to it as "the lonely show." The show was a success and probably the most enjoyable period Dick had in showbiz. He loved every minute of it, the dressing up in costume (he was a born ham and had a tendency to collapse into paroxysms of laughter in mid-performance — he was easy meat for Eric, who could make him laugh by just staring at him). When Eric and Ernie moved to the



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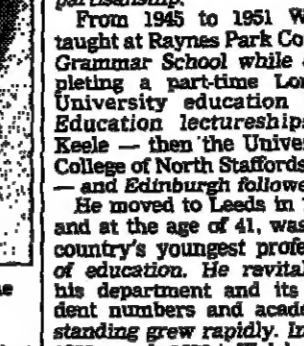
BBC we went with them, but following Eric's heart attack we were signed by US TV, and when Eric returned, much earlier than expected we were unable to write for them.

In 1970, we were asked to go to America to write the *Dor Knox Show*, and were to remain there for four years, working with Phil Wilson and Bill Cosby until Dick and his family — his wife, Pamela, and three sons — finally decided the life there was not for them and he returned to England. Dick immediately moved into his stride again, working solo regularly, with Tommy Cooper, Tom O'Connor, Russ Abbott and Jasper Carrott.

We kept in touch regularly, especially when he wanted to play some golf, which was his passion in his later years. Our families were always very close.

I knew him for over 50 years, 25 of them spent in so close a relationship that it was almost man and wife and we never had one quarrel. He was good company and a good listener and a wonderful family man. I won't miss him because friends and mates like Dick Hills never go away.

**Sid Green**  
Richard Michael Hills, comedy script writer, born January 17, 1926; died June 8, 1996



William Walsh

today for its sharp and deft and fully sensitive appreciation of the Malgudi novels. With *A Manifold Voice* (1970) which drew together writers as diverse as Olive Schreiner, Chinua Achebe, Katherine Mansfield, Ad Hope, Nirad Chaudhuri, V S Naipaul, Mervyn Cullaghan, and with *Commonwealth Literature*, Walsh brought to critical consideration, both within and outside Britain, the vigour and richness of a growing body of writing from newly-independent Commonwealth countries.

Of the numerous Commonwealth novelists he wrote about, perhaps the two who most attracted him were Patrick White and Narayan. He rick White's *Fiction* (1977) and R K Narayan: *An Appreciation* (1981). His last published work was *Indian Literature in English* (1990).

Walsh was also a founding

**William Walsh**  
promoter of the new writing in English  
director of Yorkshire Television. He travelled and lectured extensively overseas, in Canada, Australia, Singapore and it was while in India that he struck up a cherished friendship with the poet and critic, D J Enright, whose work became the subject of *D J Enright: Poet of Humanism* in 1974. Of their early encounter, Enright wrote of how they had been thrown together on a two-month lecture tour in 1959-60, "sharing our sleeping pills and whatever hard liquor we could lay our hands on. I recall vividly one hot day in the Delhi broadcasting studios, hearing his voice ringing loud and clear through the corridors. Eloquent, musical, strong and cool — the voice of English literature in a foreign (though not so very foreign) land. Will was a splendid companion, mixing mock horror and urbane irony with shrewdness, tact and humour, at times seemingly baffled by circumstance, until he reached the lectern or the microphone, when words hastened to his silver tongue."

He is survived by his wife, May, and two children, Margaret and Tim.

**Shirley Chew**  
William Walsh, academic, born February 23, 1916; died June 23, 1996

## Amschel Rothschild

# Quiet charm of a fortune

AMSCHEL Rothschild, who has died aged 80, was considered by some as the likely next chairman of the fabled banking dynasty. In some ways, he was a most untypical Rothschild — quiet, almost nervous and shy of publicity — but his unexpected death, of a heart attack during a business trip to Paris, means that one of Europe's most famous banking families now faces difficult choices about the future of its financial empire.

Amschel Rothschild was devoted to his family, and was rarely seen at major social functions. There was "no bully in him", said one former colleague yesterday, "he went on to describe Amschel as 'the most delightful, wide open to the question of the succession to Sir Evelyn, chairman of the Rothschild, chief British banking operation, NM Rothschild (NMR). The bank is widely seen as having languished behind its competitors in recent years. Although perhaps never saw Amschel as a likely candidate for the chairmanship, others believed his quiet determination and razor-sharp mind would have served him well in the job. Now the French branch of the family, led by Baron David de Rothschild, might take the helm; the debaron David restored family fortunes in France after their bank was nationalised in 1981.

The shock waves caused by Amschel's death are testamentary to his pivotal position in a family riven by an enormous feud. His half-brother Jacob, now the fourth baron, quarrelled bitterly in the late 1970s with Sir Evelyn. Jacob left NMR to found J Rothschild, a financial services conglomerate.

In 1930, Amschel was put in charge of NM Rothschild's loss-making asset-management arm, which plunged half a million pounds into the red in 1934. While praised for his determination to restore the position of this business, which had been one of the major forces in the industry in the 1920s, opinion was divided as to his performance in the role, with critics suggesting he was just too nice for his own good. But to his



Rothschild... private man

credit, he was seen as the thinker who had the brainpower to map out a new path for NM Rothschild in a new century likely to be dominated by giant American and Japanese investment banks. He is thought to have believed passionately that the Rothschild name could survive and thrive.

NM Rothschild is just one part of a loose, worldwide confederation with 2,000 employees and offices in 20 countries, managing funds totalling \$50 billion.

Amschel has been trying to draw the fund-management parts of the empire closer together, and his death may accelerate a general process of unification. An internal report is thought to have been under preparation for some months; it will present the top management at NMR with options for the future of the business.

Ironically, one option may be to sell the asset-management arm, Amschel's old "heart", and take Rothschild's back to its merchant-banking roots.

But whatever the future may be, Amschel will not now share in it. His death robs the bank and the chance to see what he could have achieved at or very near the top.

**Dan Atkinson**  
Amschel Rothschild, banker, born April 18, 1955; died July 8, 1996

## Jackdaw



## Drawn pistols

DEAR Mr John Major, Excuse me, that I so with the door into Downing Street No 10 fall. But what too much is, is too too much. It goes on no cow-skin — and therewith are we direct by the theme. Why shall we on devil come out the beef from your mad cows eat? Thereby are we yes not so. First, shortly had we not the Kohl, the Chirac and the Kilmann to visit sent, who about beggested from your beefsteaks and rostheds was. Freely say I, you clip and clear. We like the Tower, but we are not your beefeaters, and first right not, when the cows BSE have.

But you think well, Mr Major, that you with us continentals make can, what your will. Other folks have there open slightly more luck. Not a single harsh word comes over your lips about the Australians, who already since 1989 your beef thinking off-lean. Why must alone we your sins omeat? Out which ground is special Germany such a red cloth for you? Why, dear Mr Major, must it now a war on all fronts give? In your news-papers is to read: The Englanders shall no German beer and no German wine more drink. How bitter for your folk — bitter in the truest sense of the word. And why shall your lands-people never again BMW or Mercedes drive? Always only Jaguar and Rolls Royce, me come the tears.

How can a man so hears, are you total sour, that the BBC during the European Football Mastershaft Beethoven's Song of Joy as European hymn played has. Yes, you dear sky! What can the Beethoven there for? It is not unknown if he against English beef was. You say that you Englanders sell a row of composers of interna-

national format have, who good enough for footballers are. Who then — mean run the Handel perhaps, with his music for fire and water-work? Know you what in my eyes the greatest scandal is? You, Mr Major, set us shorter-hand the pistol on the breast and hold us in chess, so long we not your beef eat will, runs nothing more in the European Union. Out and freely. What ever for a problem in Europe on the day's order stands — you say: no, no, no.

My dear Prime Minister: is this blockade the fine English art? Springs a gentleman so with his friends about? Have you yourself all this right overlaid? Or have you already too much beef from the mad cows eaten? In deepest sorrow greet I you and hope on an answer. Your true Griseida, *Prinzess in the Sudddeutsche Zeitung*. It is not known whether Mr Major has answered. Thanks to John Geyer.

**Hot flyer**  
IF YOU want to get noticed, get a gimmick. Or in the case of an Indian restaurant business in the Home Counties, get a helicopter. The men behind two curry houses in Cambridge and Stevenage are offering the ultimate in delivery services by flying curries virtually to the diner's door. The helicopter lands on airfields and golf courses where permission to land is granted, and the customer comes to collect.

Strange as it may seem, this Indian flying restaurant venture is less dramatic than a delivery service which it pioneered some time ago, whereby curries are delivered by parachutists jumping out of a light aircraft.

**Flying turbans reported in the Meat Trades Journal.**

**Stick it**  
CHEWING gum graffiti is everywhere, say Barrymore's ace, in Liam and Noel Gallagher's nostrils and all over Paula Yates' (as yet) unaugmented bits. It's a mirror of real life in many ways, this new graffiti, a post-paint-splatter expression of urban discontent. "Traditional" graffiti over the past decade has lost its way, moving from the supposed artform of the ghettos to a predictable one-colour scrawl of the legend "Gwoko" on a wall in Croydon. This redundancy of graffiti combined with an increasing media-literacy young folk seeking to deface and deform the cultural signposts and celebrities that surround us, has led to the current trend of gustastic gymnastics.

It would be an education in youth culture itself to follow which faces get their sanctity of cool. The chewing classes, now more than ever, are in a powerful position. They can potentially subvert thousands of pounds worth of advertising, and like the spin doctors in their Soho offices, they have the power to make or break a career.

It gives great satisfaction to our so-called disaffected generation to ram a piece of well-chewed Extra Sugarfree into the eye of Jeffrey Archer, or

the ever-open mouth of Edwina Currie when political protest is no longer considered an effective way of bringing about change. Just as much as the hipsters and punks of previous generations, the youth of today are seeking alternative ways of registering discontent. In a media-saturated world of 2D politicians and 2D politics, an image of Jeffrey Archer becoming a curiously real and delicious all the more satisfying. Curiously there are never any pictures of John Major on the tube, probably not because he is grey and boring, but for fear that the poster would become covered in gum so quickly it would achieve critical mass and take on a life of its own.

G-Spot on the bit that other art-forms cannot reach.

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# Finance Guardian

## Nuclear offer closes . . . and so do two reactors

Paul Brown, Chris Barrie and Lisa Buckingham

**T**WO nuclear reactors were shut down for emergency safety inspections last night just an hour after the deadline for the public offer of shares in British Energy closed.

The reactors were taken on the advice of a committee of experts concerned about cracks found in welds. Two stations are affected, Hinkley Point B in Somerset and Hunterston in Scotland, two of the best performing advanced gas cooled reactors.

One of the two reactors at each station has already been shut down because of cracks. But investors had been reassured that the reactors would be back on full power by the end of July.

The subsequent shut-downs will put the reactors out of action for at least two weeks. If this proves to have been unnecessary, it will still have cost the company about £7 million in lost production.

British Energy logo and a small image of a reactor. Text: "Although the additional work will result in some output loss, the company's plan allows for contingencies such as this."

Major investors were launched last year when Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, launched a price-capping review which destabilised the second tranche of the privatisation of the power genera-

### Notebook

## Luring Koreans is money well spent



Edited by Alex Brummer

**T**HERE will no doubt be much quibbling in the coming days about the sweeteners which the Welsh Development Agency and others have found it necessary to offer to attract £1.7 billion of investment from the Korean group LG to Newport, South Wales.

1 per cent against the currencies of the US's major trading partners, was sparked when Donald Fites, who heads the US-Japan Business Council, argued that the gains of the dollar against the yen had become "worrysome and may require government action".

## Barings fails to dent overseas earnings peak

Sarah Ryle

**T**HE collapse of Barings Bank last year failed to prevent the City earning Britain a record £20.4 billion overseas, according to the latest analysis of financial services activity by British Invisibles, which was published yesterday.

British Invisibles, which publishes a breakdown of the financial sector's earnings annually, said the £2.7 billion surplus on services in last year's UK current account was almost entirely due to earnings by the private financial sector. Total private sector net earnings were £20.7 billion.

## Major backs South African leader's CBI charm offensive



Doing the business . . . John Major joins Nelson Mandela and entourage in London yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ANGLIS

## Mandela woos business leaders

President appeals for cash to boost economic recovery, Sarah Ryle and David Beresford, in Johannesburg, report

**P**RESIDENT Nelson Mandela yesterday won immediate backing from John Major and the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, for his campaign to persuade British business to invest in the South African economic recovery.

The level of foreign interest in South Africa since majority rule has been phenomenal. A capital outflow of R2.2 billion in 1991, R3.2 billion in 1992 and R15 billion in 1993 has been reversed to an inflow of nearly R22 billion last year. But most of it is "hot money" - speculative short-term investments.

Nevertheless, the estimated £150 million to £200 million of government funds used in bringing modern, technology-based industries to Britain is well spent. With the exception, perhaps, of the pharmaceutical and aerospace industries - where the importance of research and development and investment has been recognised - manufacturing has largely been denigrated and opportunities for renewal of the industrial base missed.

**Dollar switch**  
**A**FTER an upward movement on the scale of that seen in the US dollar in the last 18 months it should come as no surprise that the business community is showing some anxiety. The current bout of nerves, which has seen the dollar slip by around

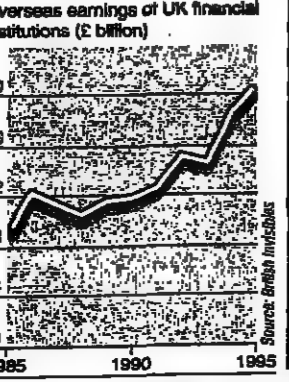
## Monsoon delays float as Sycamore gums up works

Ian King

**C**ONFUSION reigned last night after Monsoon, the high street fashion retailer, was forced to postpone its £250 million flotation after a "disagreement" between BZW, its financial advisor, and Monsoon's biggest shareholder.

Sycamore, the Maltese-based offshore investment trust which owns 67 per cent of Monsoon, was prepared to sell down part of its holding.

### Foreign earnings



## Branson recruits Blair to protest at BA's proposed US alliance

Keith Harper and David Hancock

**R**ICHARD Branson has met the Labour leader, Tony Blair, to complain about the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, which would soak up 70 per cent of traffic between the United States and Britain.

Mr Blair has promised an immediate examination of Mr Branson's complaints and the expectation last night in Westminster was that Mr Blair would almost certainly back a reference of the alliance to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Australia 1.8850	France 7.7350	Italy 2.328	Singapore 2.175
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Belgium 47.05	Greece 363.00	New Zealand 2.15	Spain 192.75
Canada 2.9275	Hong Kong 11.66	Norway 9.85	Sweden 12.19
Cyprus 0.7045	India 54.61	Portugal 237.00	Switzerland 1.89
Denmark 8.57	Ireland 0.8450	Saudi Arabia 5.78	Turkey 122.754
Finland 7.1550	Israel 4.92	USA 1.5125	

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**Dixons**

Stock market value £2.2bn  
Share price 530p ▲14.9p  
Workforce 16,500  
Interest cover 13

**Main activity:**  
Runs high street and superstores selling wide range of electrical goods, from personal computers to cameras to washing machines.

**Market share 1996 revenue, £m (% change in brackets)**

Dixons	577.7 (11%)
Currys superstores	614.2 (30%)
Currys Highstreet	147.7 (20%)
PC World	261.5 (110%)
The Link	21.0 (106%)
Non store revenue	38.7 (12%)

# Boom in computer sales lifts Dixons

**Outlook/ Pauline Springett says the high street retailer reports margins remain firm as consumers return**

**T**HE current boom in personal computer sales plus a sharper differentiation between its main retail businesses helped Dixons to boost its retail operating profit by 38 per cent to £135 million.

The headline figures were slightly muddled by an exceptional charge of \$38.7 million relating to the group's investment in the US electrical discount Freeter. But the group had warned earlier this year that the write-off was on the cards.

Freeter bought Dixons' US operation Silo in 1993 in exchange for a preference shareholding. But the former Dixons business has since been put into the American equivalent of administration.

That hiccup aside, the figures were much as the mar-

ket expected and the share rose on the back of an upbeat statement from chairman Sir Stanley Kalms.

"Retail sales for the first 10 weeks are 30 per cent ahead overall and 12 per cent like for like, and margins remain firm. Against the background of improving consumer confidence, the outlook for the financial year is promising," he said.

The group has 360 company stores, which produced a 9 per cent increase in like-for-like basis. That was a significant improvement on the situation two years ago, when like-for-like sales slipped 2 per cent.

Part of last year's rise was due to increased consumer confidence and part to the long-term strategy to focus Currys stores out of town and to establish them as stores



Improving picture... Upbeat statement from Sir Stanley Kalms PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITO

lift can be directly attributed to the new Dixons 2000 format.

Dixons says that the new-style stores "emphasise carry-home electronic product categories suited to high street retailing and present a modern, bright environment, with denser product displays and more self selection than in traditional Dixons stores."

About one third of the total 360 Dixons stores were converted during the year. Sales in the revamped shops rose by 30 per cent and the company is planning to carry on the conversion programme this year.

In terms of sales, Currys is the largest of Dixons operating arms. It is also in the forefront of a revamp. The long-term strategy is to focus Currys stores out of town and to establish them as stores

which can stock and display vast ranges of electrical goods.

During the year, 16 new Superstores were opened and 28 high street stores closed. This company will continue to pursue this strategy although it will not shut high street stores in areas where there is yet no out-of-town superstore.

While the revamp of Currys and Dixons continues apace, the company is enjoying soaring sales at PC World, whose sales jumped 110 per cent overall and 30 per cent on a like-for-like basis. It now has 26 PC World stores. More will be opened this year.

In the past, the City has been slightly sceptical about the value to Dixons of personal computers, arguing that the margins on this sort of equipment are lower than on

white electrical goods on which the company used to focus.

But Dixons company argues that there is no sign of any slackening in demand for personal computers — on the contrary many households now have two or three. It also says that people are buying a wide range of high margin accessories and kit for their computers.

Dixons is currently very proud of its capital expenditure which stood at \$51 million last year, a £30 million rise on 1994/5. Gearing was all at the year end and the spending continues this year.

The City might be happy but the company is clearly aware that customers can be a different matter. It is devoting more effort to staff training and has added more customer services.

Firms invest £63m in deal to create 300 UK jobs

# Unipart builds on Honda connection

**Chris Barrie Business Correspondent**

**C**AR parts company Unipart strengthened its ties with Japanese car manufacturer Honda yesterday when it announced that the two companies were to invest \$63 million in three joint ventures, creating more than 300 new jobs in Coventry and Kent.

Separately, Unipart also announced it would create 125 new jobs in a £17 million factory to be set up with the German company Kautex.

The deals will bring Honda significantly closer to Unipart, formerly part of BL but owned jointly since 1987 by venture capital funds, Rover and its employees.

For Honda, the joint ventures represent a further step in its effort to buy or make parts in Europe for its car assembly factory in Swindon. Cars built there have a 50 per cent European content, and 60-70 per cent UK content.

The new businesses will supply Swindon from late next year, but will be encouraged to win business from other car and truck companies.

Kentaro Kato, managing director of Honda UK Manufacturing, said the agreement entailed the transfer of skills and technology. The group

was intent on establishing a self-reliant car business in Europe through joint ventures like these.

Oxford-based Unipart was recently embroiled in a public tussle with Rover when the car company sought to take back control of its former offshoot. The idea, resisted by Unipart managers, was subsequently quashed by Rover's owners, the German group BMW.

John Neill, Unipart group chief executive, denied that the Honda deals were designed to make further attempts at takeover more difficult. He declined to discuss the contractual terms of the joint ventures in the event of a change of control at Unipart.

Instead, Mr Neill said the joint ventures signified the commitment of both businesses to work for the long term, and was the result of a relationship stretching back over 10 years.

Unipart's track record was "in harmony with the philosophies and values of our Japanese partners".

Unipart will hold 48 per cent of the shares, and employees 3 per cent through an employee benefit trust. Honda and its associate component makers hold the balance.

The Honda-related investments finance expansion at existing Unipart sites in Coventry and Paddock Wood in

Kent, as well as pay for a new plant in Coventry.

With Kautex, Unipart will build a second new plant in Coventry to make plastic parts, creating 125 jobs.

Mr Neill said the group would have liked to invest in Oxford, close to its main operations, and it was a source of "regret" that the local authority had not tried harder to win the investments.

Unipart Yachiyo Technology, a joint venture with the Japanese firm Yachiyo Industry, will make steel parts for car bodies and sunroof assemblies in Coventry, creating 150 jobs.

Unipart Yutaka Systems, formed with Yutaka Giken, will make exhausts and catalytic converters at Unipart's Premier Exhaust Systems plant in Coventry, creating 100 new jobs.

Unipart Yanagawa Engineering will make gearbox components at Paddock Wood, creating 64 new jobs.

Mr Neill said the companies would draw on Japanese technology to win further business in Europe. He said Honda had already been very patient in teaching Unipart companies how to manufacture.

Trade and Industry secretary Ian Lang welcomed the announcement. He said it demonstrated Honda's commitment to manufacturing in the UK.

# Share plan firms up BSkyB's German deal

**Kirch confident that its new partner will provide support in stock for TV alliance, Lisa Buckingham reports**

**K**IRCH, the German media group, plans to take a stake in BSkyB to cement the digital TV collaboration unveiled by the two groups earlier this week.

The disclosure helped BSkyB shares to rise by another 5p to 473p — a level at which it will cost Kirch 282 million to buy just 1 per cent of the company. But Kirch said it was confident of support for the move from BSkyB, which will be taking a holding of up to 49 per cent in DFL, the German group's digital pay-TV business.

BSkyB is also expected to buy a 25 per cent holding in Kirch's sports channel that recently secured the rights to broadcast World Cup football in 2002 and 2006.

Analysts said it was unclear from where Kirch would acquire shares in BSkyB — only a fifth of the company's shares are traded on the market and the stock is regarded as illiquid.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation owns 48 per cent but is unlikely to accept a di-

vision of this as BSkyB plays such a strategic role in its global broadcasting operations. Although Granada, with an 11 per cent holding, has been seen as a seller, the company has recently stressed its long-term commitment to the stock.

Indirect shareholdings, such as that held by Pearson, are thought to be difficult to sell, although a capital raising share issue could provide Kirch with an entrée.

DFL is hurtling towards a launch date of July 28, when it plans to start broadcasting 17 digital channels in Germany, but the success of the lift-off is being hampered by the lack of availability of decoding equipment.

Although Germany is Europe's largest TV market, the Kirch/BSkyB venture will not find it plain sailing. Kirch has predicted DFL will break even within about four years but market analysts believe it could take twice as long.

German viewers already have a choice of about 20

channels and the decoder box, which will be needed to receive DFL's programmes, will be expensive. Questions are being raised about the appetite of German households for more pay channels.

The venture — into which Kirch has already poured about £4 billion — will also have to see off competition from the large German media group, Bertelsmann, which has just cemented a digital pay-TV collaboration with CLT of Luxembourg. The possibility of another, better, decoder box arriving on the market from Bertelsmann could deter consumers from signing up for the early days of DFL's new digital services.

But BSkyB and Kirch have among the best European programme libraries — a strength that has been successfully exploited by the British company to establish pay-TV in the UK, which now boasts more than 3 million subscribers.

Access to the potentially lucrative German market — with the possibility of extending collaboration into Spain and Italy — is a firm response to market worries that BSkyB could run out of earnings steam in the UK where its own digital services are planned for late next year.

## Underside

### Dan Atkinson

**T**ERRY Smith, now "analyst without portfolio" at brokers Collins Stewart and, famously, fired by UBS in 1992 for finger-pointing top corporate clients in the first edition of Accounting for Growth, awaits reader reaction to the second edition, to be published on Monday.

Lest anyone have Terry down as just another City stripe-shirt who couldn't run a real business for toffee, let them examine his hit-or-miss record in the downfall of the Pentos group. Terry bought three franchises of the Athens poster chain with an option entitling him to sell them back to Pentos. In summer 1994, troubled Pentos announced a rescue rights issue, and Terry promptly executed the option. The group hummed and hared for a few months, and tried to give him equity, but Terry finally extracted his money in November 1994.

The following month, Athens went into receivership, proving Terry's trouble-spotting skills had triumphed again.

**A**LL change at the once-staid British Bankers' Association, whose new head of communications, Roger Miles, declares that his approach aims "to make us just a little bit more transparent and accountable". Roger admits the association has previously not enjoyed a "fantastic reputation" for dealing with the media. Quite what the BBA old guard will make of this is unclear.

**I**T DIDN'T take long for Grand Metropolitan, the junk food and alcohol giant that owns Burger King and J & B whisky, to shrug off the down-to-earth legacy of former chairman and Ken Livingstone sound-alike Lord Sheppard. The group's potential new HQ may be located, mundanely enough, off Oxford Street,

but the executive dining room recall a lost era of corporate grandeur. The post-Sheppard style is epitomised by Sandy, the white-gloved butler, whose response this week to a request for cigarettes was a promise to put in an order with Davidoff, the toff's tobacconist in St James's. No wonder someone from Guinness has decided Grand Met is a soft take-over target. Grand Met was, of course, one of the main creatively-accounting companies named in Terry Smith's edition 1.

**C**HERIE Blair QC donned her wig yesterday to defend a securities maverick stockbroker Andrew Kent, the man who saw off the Serious Fraud Office in 1993. Andrew is one of the main men behind NHS Lotto, Camelot's plucky little competitor, who is going swimmingly until the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea decided the lottery's prize sizes breached the law. NHS Lotto demanded a High Court hearing and Mrs Blair is into battle. A result is awaited.

**T**RADING statement on Monday from Mr Kipping cakes and garden equipment group Tomkins declared: "Record snowfalls in North America during the second half of the financial year deferred lawnmower sales in the key months of March and April". Yes quite. Snowfall does that sort of thing.



## Call to swap pension lump sums for unlimited tax relief

**Teresa Hunter**

**A**PENSIONS think-tank has called on the Government to abolish the right to a tax-free lump sum on retirement in exchange for unlimited tax relief for pensions.

The working group of consumer and pension experts, headed by former social security department permanent secretary Sir Michael Partridge, yesterday urged the removal of all restrictions on pensions tax relief to encourage more private savings. He said this would cater for a new reality.

Sir Michael said: "The existing pensions framework was crafted to meet the needs of a world which no longer exists."

"We now retire in middle age, with reasonable expectation of two or more decades of active life."

The group's report, Pensions for All, outlined plans for a simple Personal Retirement Fund. It could operate like a building society pass book, in which investors could see at a glance what their pension was worth.

The report suggested that the Personal Retirement Fund could run either in tandem with a company pension scheme or as the sole private pension of those without access to an occupational scheme. It would not be subject to the complex tax and benefit rules which restrict pension products.

All adults in Britain should be free to receive tax relief on all investments into the fund towards their pension funds. Or if that scheme proved too radical, the report calls for all adults, irrespective of their working status, to be allowed to invest either £8,000 tax free annually into a pension, or £250,000 over their lifetime.

The group concluded that the "popular" tax-free lump sum was an anachronism.

## News in brief

### Shell and Exxon merge additives

**S**HELL and Exxon yesterday unveiled plans to merge their worldwide petrol additives businesses in a venture that will account for 25 per cent of a global market estimated to be worth at least \$6 billion (£4 billion) annually.

The additives market is growing as engines become more complex and environmental requirements tighter. The merger will allow both companies to save money on research and manufacturing. — Patrick Donovan

### Vodafone action fails

**O**RANGE yesterday saw off a High Court action from its rival mobile phones operator, Vodafone, which had accused it of malicious falsehood and infringement of trademark during an advertising campaign last autumn.

In the campaign, Orange claimed that its users saved an average of £20 a month compared with Vodafone's tariff at the time. Changes to Vodafone's charges have eliminated the headline savings, but the High Court still dismissed the charges and said it was "preposterous" to have alleged perjury against three Orange witnesses. — Lisa Buckingham

### Gambling on bright side

**S**TANLEY Leisure, the betting shops and casinos group, said yesterday its bettors were switching back from National Lottery scratchcards, launched last year, to more traditional forms of betting.

Announcing a dip in full-year pre-tax profits, from £17 million to £14.8 million, founder and chairman Leonard Steinberg said Stanley's betting shops had been hit by scratchcards but that trading was much brighter now. He said Stanley had also been helped by recent changes in the law allowing fruit machines in betting shops and extra gaming machines in casinos. — Ian King

### Drinks group's profits flat

**S**HARES of Matthew Clark, the drinks group which last year bought Taunton Cider for £275 million, slid 17p to 743p yesterday after the company reported lower than expected full-year pre-tax profits of £42.3 million.

Although the profits were almost double last year's figure of £21.4 million, the City had been expecting a higher number, and marked the shares down accordingly. Announcing the results, Matthew Clark's chief executive, Peter Atkins, said the company, which a year earlier snapped up Gaymers Cider, had now completed rationalising the two acquisitions. — Ian King

### Publisher's £100,000 pay-off

**P**UBLISHING company Highbury House, formerly Harrington Kilbride, said yesterday it had awarded Kevin Harrington, its ousted founder, £100,000 compensation. Mr Harrington left the company last summer after it had suffered a series of losses, was forced to restate its annual accounts several times and brought a libel case against a national newspaper.

Mr Harrington's final salary was \$84,000, which with bonuses brought his total package to £177,000 in a year in which the group ran up pre-tax losses of £5 million. Highbury House shares closed up 4p at 24p. — Ian King

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June's Rich return in Jul stake

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Racing
June's Rich return in July Stakes

Chris Newlands

RICH Ground, a 40-1 shot, produced a mind-boggling performance at Newmarket yesterday to become the longest priced winner in the 21-year history of the July Stakes.

Given the big race record of his trainer James Bethell, who in 20 years has never had a group winner, even 40-1 might seem on the stingy side but the colt's owner, Mrs June Vickers, at least had the satisfaction of beating that with her £10 each-way on the Total at 50-1.



Rich pickings... John Reid drives home the grey Rich Ground to a surprise win at Newmarket yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

But, working on the theory that if you are not at the ball you are not in the game, Bethell decided to chance a run with Rich Ground here rather than in a race worth half as much at York on Saturday.

"It's a nice poser now," added the trainer. "He's not entered in any of the other big races but he's going for the Prix John in France."

John Reid bided his time on Rich Ground as the pace up front was suicidal and came through with a clear run on the outside to beat Juwui by a head with Air Express the same distance away third.

Things were a lot tighter on the rails and Juwui, Air Express and Check The Band (fifth) all came close together. The stewards concluded that any interference was accidental.

The result leaves the form of the two-year-old colts up in the air but the Irish-trained Verglas, the Coventry Stakes winner, has yet to do anything wrong and is officially trained.

Dazzle, Tuesday's easy Cherry Hinton winner, is on the same mark of 114 as Verglas but comes out best when the fillies' allowance is taken into account.

Punters hit by the Rich Ground shock were able to get something back when Sensation, the 10-11 favourite, streaked home in the Fal-

mouth Stakes. This filly came over from France with a big reputation and lived up to her name to take her unbeaten run to four.

Criquette Head, training her first winner on the July course, said: "She's like most women in that she likes to take her time and won't be hassled. She was too backward to run at two but now she's flying and we might take her to Deauville for one of the big races."

Sensation was the middle-elder of a hat-trick for Sheikh Mohammed, sparked by Freedom Flame in the Duke of Cambridge Handicap and completed by Greenstead in the Mores O'Ferrall Stakes — all horses with different trainers.

Khalid Abdullah has found it hard to keep tabs on the Sheikh in recent seasons but hopes that his filly Imroz, trained by Henry Cecil, will make up into a

Classic animal next year. Imroz, the first foal of the Musidora Stakes winner All At Sea, was a convincing victory of the Equity Financial Maiden Stakes and got a top quote of 20-1 for the 1,000 Guineas by Hill's.

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Newmarket with form for the TV races

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Rugby League

Brotherly love takes a back seat at Bulls

Paul Fitzpatrick on the meeting of Pauls in tomorrow's Wigan showdown

THERE will be no love lost between Robbie and Henry Paul when the Bradford Bulls meet Wigan in tomorrow night's Super League showdown.

Instead sibling rivalry will be the dominant emotion as the brothers do battle for a fifth time after lining up on opposing sides at the Odsal Stadium.

So far Wigan's Henry, at 22 the elder by two years, has had much the better of the arguments, finishing on the winning side each time. He has been struggling with an ankle injury but will be fit for one of the leading League's most important games so far.

He is confident that his side can preserve the advantage they gained last Friday when their victory over Castleford coupled with St Helens' defeat at Bradford took them a point clear at the top.

That confidence stems from a belief that St Helens employed the wrong tactics against the Bulls. "St Helens failed to use Bradford under enough pressure and we will be aiming to push them back more into their half of the field," Henry said. He admitted, however, that the Wigan defence would have to improve on their "shoddy" performance against Castleford.

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NATWEST TROPHY: SECOND ROUND

Derbyshire v Kent

Derby win by a nose

Paul Weaver at Derby

DERBYSHIRE finally won by two wickets with four balls to spare but only after appearing to reject Kent's gift-wrapped offering as if it were one of those eccentric Christmas presents from a dotty aunt.

With six runs required from the final over from Min Patel, Derbyshire's acting captain Phil DeFreitas settled the matter from two deliveries with a cut-slash backward of square and a lofted drive for another boundary. Poor Patel, criticised for his performance in the Trent Bridge Test, deserved better.

Derbyshire's already moderate target of 253 was reduced to a cakewalk by some awful Kent fielding. Tim O'Gorman was dropped by Steve Marsh off Martin McCague at 186 for three and almost immediately Carl Hooper dropped Colin Wells, a sitter at slip, off the same bowler. Kent's ground fielding was also shoddy and O'Gorman was also the beneficiary of a missed run-out.

All this meant that Derbyshire passed 300 in the 52nd over with only four wickets down. Then McCague, bowling with the heroic heart he has shown all season, took three wickets in the final two overs, those of Wells, O'Gorman and John Owen, who was playing in place of the injured captain Dean Jones, so that Derbyshire were suddenly 219 for seven.

This became 229 for eight in the 55th when Matthew Vandaele was run out by Hooper as he scurried for a larcinously single. Eighteen runs were needed from three overs. The only problem for the captain Marsh at this stage was that he had bowled out his fast bowlers in the effort to make a breakthrough and the final overs were entrusted to Patel and Matthew Fleming. Kent have six front-line bowlers but Marsh somehow contrived to give an over to Graham Crowder, whose deliveries always seem in danger of being arrested for jay-walking.

Earlier, Derbyshire's decision to release Devon Malcolm so that he could pop in to 10 Downing Street for another chat with Nelson Mandela had appeared to be a justified piece of confidence, although it would be interesting to speculate what Malcolm would have said had the President attempted to remodel his bowling action.

Derbyshire put Kent in and kept them down to 251 for eight, with Matthew Walker, in only his second match in this competition, making 51.



Clean through... Peter Martin bowls Rob Bailey, one of his four Northamptonshire wickets at Old Trafford yesterday

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

Martin finds way out of reverse

Andy Wilson

LANCASHIRE, past masters at conjuring one-day wins from unlikely situations, tried the same in reverse yesterday. Cruising at 88 for no wicket off 26 overs in reply to Northamptonshire's 223, they lost Atherton and Gallian in the first two overs after tea, yet sneaked home by one wicket in the 58th over when Peter Martin hit his first ball from David Capel over mid-wicket for four.

In a near-repeat of the 1990 NatWest Trophy final, the last time these sides met, Lancashire won the toss and selected an apparently decisive advantage in the first hour. Six years ago Phil DeFreitas destroyed the Northants top order with five wickets. This time it was Martin, who reduced them to 29 for four and took Bob Taylor's Man-of-the-Match award.

Yet this Northants side, under their new player-coach John Emburey, are made of sterner stuff. In the 27th over Steve Elworthy dismissed Fordham and Curran, who had shared a fifth-wicket stand of 43, to make it 73 for six. The South African took two wickets at the death too, to end with four for 40, but made a costly mistake when he missed a sike offered by Tony Penberthy on 11.

Gary Yates, the unlucky bowler, saw Penberthy hit his next over for 16, including two leg-side sixes, and help Northants beyond 200 with 79 from 84 balls.

Atherton and Gallian saw off five overs of Ambrose and seven of Taylor but after tea Atherton was caught behind off Curran and Gallian taken at slip off Ambrose.

At that point Emburey, who had contributed 46 to a NatWest record eighth-wicket stand of 112 with Penberthy, still in the pavilion, having a cut knee bandaged after bumping into Gallian just before the interval. But, with his third ball back, the Northants coach had Crawley, returning after a much longer-term injury, lbw sweeping and Lancashire were 86 for three.

After that it was nip and tuck, with Workington and Lloyd tilting the balance Lancashire's way in a stand of 42 in five overs before both bled out to Montgomery at deep mid-wicket off Emburey.

The 43-year-old ended with three for 38 in his 12 overs and there were also three wickets for Curran, while Ambrose claimed one for 21. But, just as he had in the Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal against Yorkshire, Martin kept his cool to hit the winning runs.

powered their way to 361 for seven, their highest ever score against first-class opposition. It helped Ian Salisbury, superfluous to England's requirements at Trent Bridge, was Man of the Match as Sussex overcame Leicestershire by 32 runs at Grace Road. The leg-spinner followed his priceless 30 by taking two for 23.

seamer, gave the England selector Graham Gooch a nudge by having the opener caught for a duck.

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# Sports Guardian

## SOMERSET SALUTE NATWEST HAT—TRICK

### Caddick top gun in wild west shoot-out

THE summer made a belated appearance in the NatWest Trophy yesterday and nowhere did the sun shine more brightly than at Taunton where Andrew Caddick banked a hat-trick.

Somerset eventually cruised into the quarter-finals with a five-wicket victory after hussling Gloucestershire out before lunch for 118, but a win had seemed unlikely as the visitors plundered 74 runs from the first 11 overs.

Caddick conceded 37 off 34 deliveries but Andy Hayhurst refused to be downhearted. "The skipper kept geeing me up, saying the next two or three overs could be the match-winning ones," Caddick said, and so it came to pass. Caddick sent back Monte Lynch and Andrew Symonds before completing Somerset's first hat-trick in the competition by dismissing Rob Cunniffe.



Third degree... the former England paceman Andrew Caddick celebrates his hat-trick with the dismissal of Rob Cunniffe yesterday

## High time for spear-carriers of summer



Frank Keating

THE banner headline distractions of Euro soccer and young Hen's tennis party at Wimbledon meant the domestic cricket season reached its halfway point this week with only summer's obsessives and small-print swots bothering to notice. Cricket now has about a dozen days to strut its uninterrupted pastoral stuff before Atlanta's sweltering shenanigans returns it to its cosy unnoticed vacuum.

But, bless its white cotton socks, the next seven days represent a mid-term break and a full county championship programme does not resume until next Thursday.

ing as a storeroom manager for a wholesale electricians in Chichester. Never mind where we find them. England certainly need some sparky wicket-taking bowlers. Things are getting desperate.

Diverted by the passing pageant of other sports, it has been easy not to notice Kent's progress. Last season they were bottom of the championship. Now they are top, followed by last summer's non-descript middle-order makeweights, Yorkshire, Leicestershire and Surrey. What has been going on?

With the nation concentratedly wallowing in the soccer and tennis, at least cricket got one ear in, and even the most obsessively devout and blinkered enclosed-nun in the land could not have escaped hearing the name Dickie Bird this midsummer. What a comic opera that was, or, eh, gum, tears on tap an' all.

It gives time at least to catch up on the details — and blink a few double-takes. Like who, for goodness sake, is S Lee, top of the batting averages at a Bradmanesque 97 per innings? Likewise S P Titchard, who is eighth? Who he? There are, nicely, five native and five overseas players in the top 10 of both the batting and bowling averages — but in the latter list who, pray, are A J Harris and J D Lewry?

Once you learn that Lee's christian name is Shane you know the truth of it. Yes, born Wollongong NSW, 23 years ago. An entranced Somerset gave him his county cap only yesterday. He is on a one-summer contract, deputising for the Pakistani tweeker Mushaq Ahmed. Another graduate of the Australian Cricket Academy? No. Lee turned down that offered scholarship to continue his degree at a proper university — in psychology. Where do they find them?

In contrast Titchard is a homegrown genuine journeyman, 29 next birthday, who has been a long time threatening to break into Lancashire's top rank since posting a string of double-centuries as a schoolboy 10 years ago. It is nice to see him up there in the A Warhol XI.

Andrew Harris, however, has burst with brisk promise to announce himself as yet another foil for Derbyshire's glorious Devon while Sussex's leftie Jason Lewry has simply continued his acclaimed nip of last season after being "discovered" at 23 playing village cricket for Goring and work-

THE potty palaver was summed up best by a mate who also sits on top of this very column occasionally (and with lordly but allowable singularity) in his cheques simply "ME"). For the Lord's Taverners' dinner on the eve of the second Test he found himself unusually early. In fact, he was only the second to arrive. Umpire Bird. It goes without saying, was the first, alone and not drinking in the empty bar.

"Hello, Dickie, what are you having?" he greeted the legendary adjudicator. "Tell me, it can't be true, can it, that I've heard the very faintest of ridiculous rumours that tomorrow at Lord's you're standing in your final Test match? If it was, then you are far too modest an old stick, much too much of a demure and shrinking violet for keeping so quiet about it, not letting anyone know. If it had believed such rubbishy title-tattle I'd have rung you up to do a couple of pats in my Guardian column, just to acknowledge your retirement. But there's not a word of truth in the wild and silly rumours, is there?"

Dickie's eyes spun in their sockets, his breast palpitating behind the National Grid blazer badge. You could hear the ticking of the clock but not as loudly as the gears clanking around in the great man's mind. Was it a wind-up?

The excruciating dilemma lasted for only a handful of seconds before the famous umpire again guessed right and twiggled the mischievous Engel was ribbing the legendary white-coated self-promoted showman from Barrowley. For the last time, Dickie — thanks for the memory.

## Christie back in the frame

JUST SIXTEEN days before he was due to start the defence of his Olympic 100 metres title, Linford Christie was beaten by the world champion Donovan Bailey in an exciting finish which needed a

photograph to sort out at the Grand Prix meeting in Nice last night.

Bailey recovered from his poor start to catch Christie, who was out of his blocks like a bullet, in the last few strides and win as both men recorded 10.17sec. No love is lost between the two after Bailey accused Christie of faking injury in Gothenburg last year.

The Canadian's delight was clear, but no sooner had he punched the air in triumph than he was clutching his right groin in agony. The British team captain will race once more, in the 100m against a low-key field at Crystal Palace tomorrow, before leaving for Atlanta.

Sonia O'Sullivan won the 2000m in 8min 35.43sec, the fastest in the world this season. It was the ideal warm-up for the Irishwoman who plans to attack the world 5000m record at Crystal Palace if the weather is okay.

The defending Olympic champion Hassiba Boulmerka finished only seventh

in the 1500m and must now be regretting her strange decision to continue training in Cuba and Germany rather than race on the European Grand Prix circuit.

The field went past the Algerian as Portugal's Carla Sacramento ran a perfectly judged race to burst from the pack down the back straight to take the honours in a personal-best 4min 02.64sec.

Torrance Ziebler, who will miss the Olympics because he finished only fifth in the US trials, pulled off the biggest surprise of the evening when he beat the world No. 1 Samuel Matete of Zambia in the 400m hurdles in a new personal best time of 48.24, despite clattering the last barrier. He will watch Atlanta with intense frustration.

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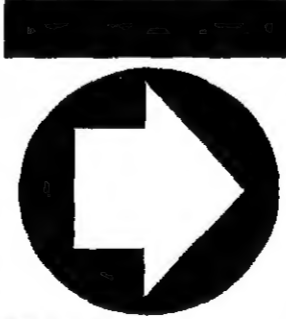
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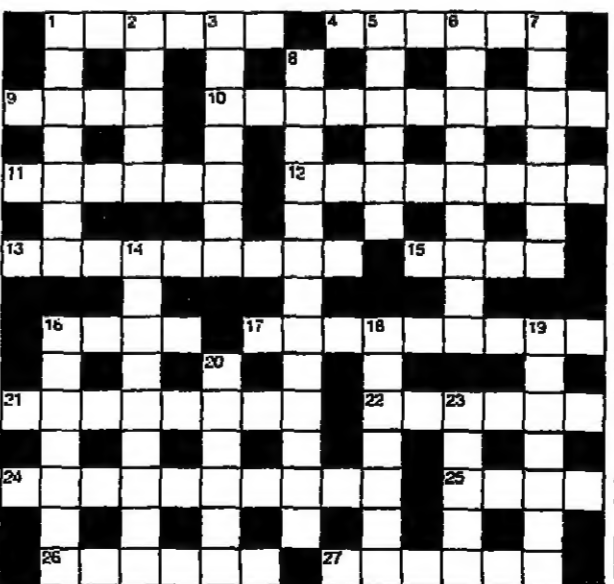
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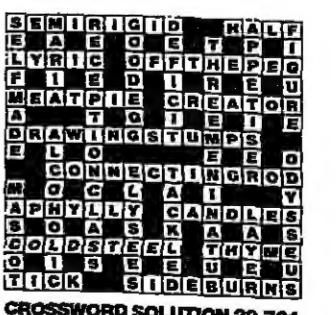
If it is true that you judge a man by his enemies then I am glad to have chosen Michael Portillo, the defence secretary, as the first target of one of our "Paparazzi Cameras". Nick Rosen

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- Across**
- 1 Oxford accent (6)
  - 4 Interrupt to add one's contribution (4,2)
  - 9 Uninteresting piece of scenery (4)
  - 10 They're sharp, mind, on the cuffs (10)
  - 11 Staggering along to a country in Africa (6)
  - 12 A check on the present demand for bread (4-4)
  - 13 Stock-holder (6,3)
  - 15 Appreciates one's accommodation (4)
  - 16 The band plays a short piece (4)
  - 17 Carried shoulder-high by old soldiers on promotion (5)
  - 21 A resounding beating (8)
  - 22 They act as substitutes in practice (9)
- Down**
- 1 Live with one girl or another (7)
  - 2 Surpass all others as a swindler (5)
  - 3 F Mugabe gives offence (7)
  - 5 Held with an awkward grip (6)
  - 6 Ban a professional writer (5)
  - 7 Irritates by the unnecessary loss of a point (7)
  - 8 Winged messenger (7-6)
  - 14 River lighter may transfer the ashes (4,5)
- 24** A letter sent but forgotten about (7,3)
- 25** To be taken advantage of isn't new (4)
- 26** Where the card player learns his craft? (6)
- 27** Complaint about Me's hat (6)



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- 18 Fields of activity he gets a mixed press about (7)
- 18 Improves — one's bust line? (7)
- 19 Modify a painting technique (7)
- 20 Rope in another dramatist (6)
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